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\*These beings are harmless.



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# LETTERS



Hey Cracked Guys,  
I was wondering if you could send me an 8 X 10 picture of Sylvester P. Smythe. If yes, I will be happy to send you a money order for your price.

Your Fan,  
Rick Baker  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Rick,

Sylvester told us he has no available photographs at this time. It seems he's got a contract with Cosmo. And until after his appearance in their centerfold, they've got all rights to his photographs.



Dear Cracked Magazine, (what a stupid name.)

I call and write to all major magazine publishers and editors and criticize their magazines. You may or may not have heard of me, but it doesn't matter. I think you should leave my friend, George Wallace out of your magazines! The world is full of jokes about him, without you doing worse to the poor man who may be confined to a wheel chair for the rest of his life! So cool it on Wallace (at least for awhile). Otherwise your magazine is O.K.

Benjimine X

Dear Benjimine, (what a stupid name)

We couldn't decide whether to print your letter or not, for we didn't think you wanted the fame and recognition that engulfs our readers who are chosen for this honor.

Concerning our article on George Wallace (Cracked No. 103) please note we are not picking on anyone. We've run articles on Nixon, Agnew, Lindsay, Kennedy, to name a few. (listed chronologically according to shoe size.)

By the way, the world is full of jokes about elephants and they don't seem to be complaining.

Cracked,

I've been buying your magazine for three years now and I think it's a real poor excuse for a magazine. Not one article has made me laugh, or even smile. I don't know how you guys stay in business. Why don't you give up?

Joe Krell  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Joe,

It's great hearing from one of our loyal fans. We've also wondered ourselves why we don't give up. It's people like you, however, who keeps us going. Thanks for your letter and keep buying Cracked so you will always have something to complain about.



Sirs:

Somehow your farcy article on "The Day Norman Told Off His Boss" (Cracked No. 102) strikes a very familiar note! Right on! My best friend, after getting out of the service, found he had no skills. So along comes a salesman from a trade school and told him all the "fantastic" job opportunities available to these people. He spent all his money and 1/2 of his G.I. Bill taking this course.

Now he can find no available work and he's worse off than before. Publish more articles like this. Maybe some of your readers will benefit.

Thanks,  
David Haas  
Westminster, Ca.

Thanks for your letter, David. Looks as if your friend really got on the wrong course. (Hal Hal) We've benefited from your letter by starting a humor writer's course of our own. Tell your friend about us. We'll settle for the other half of his G.I. Bill.



Dear Cracked,

I have been a subscriber to a magazine (Mad) for 3 years. A month ago I went to the local store. When I saw your Special No. 8 I forgot everything and bought it. Of course I loved it, dropped my other magazine and never got it since. What took you so long.

Philip Oppenheim  
Old Bethpage, New York

Dear Philip,

The reason it takes us so long is that we keep stumbling and tripping over discarded magazines. Actually, what took you so long. Cracked has been around for 15 years now.



Dear Cracked,

I've read many magazines and I think yours is the funniest. I'll be reading it all summer. I know this magazine can be bought all over the United States. Is it also published in Canada?

Marle Dinnerman  
West Orange, New Jersey

Dear Marle,

It's nice to know we've got fans dedicating their whole summer to reading CRACKED. Yes, CRACKED is also on the stands in Canada as well as many other places around the world. We'd like to take this opportunity to say hello to our readers in other lands. Buenas Dias, Guten Tag, Bonjour, etc.

Dear Cracked Reader,

Your magazine is the wackiest I've ever come to lay eyes on. It's different than most I've seen. Cracked is unordinary. I really dig your magazine.

Casey Chandler  
Fraser, Michigan

P.S. Where are your headquarters?

Dear Casey,

Take U.S. 19 to Jerico turnpike...No, take Route 66.1/2 mile west of Oklahoma City, until you see 2nd MacDonalds...No, take Jackson St. in...come to think of it, you can't get here from there!

Dearest Cracked,

Your magazine is by far the best I've ever come across. It's loaded with laughs, up to date and chock full of fun.

From a satisfied reader

Dear Reader,

Thank you for your sweet letter. My tooth aches just reading it. Actually we've had your letter blown up to poster size and it's hung next to the water cooler.



Dear Cracked,

We really enjoy your magazine over here. We like to read about what's going on in the big U.S. Your political satires are great. You see, American humor is very much like ours. Keep up the good work.

William Saunders  
New Zealand

Thanks for writing, William. It's nice to know "funny" is international.

# Who needs you?



Well... truthfully, we do. How come you're the only one we know who doesn't have a subscription to

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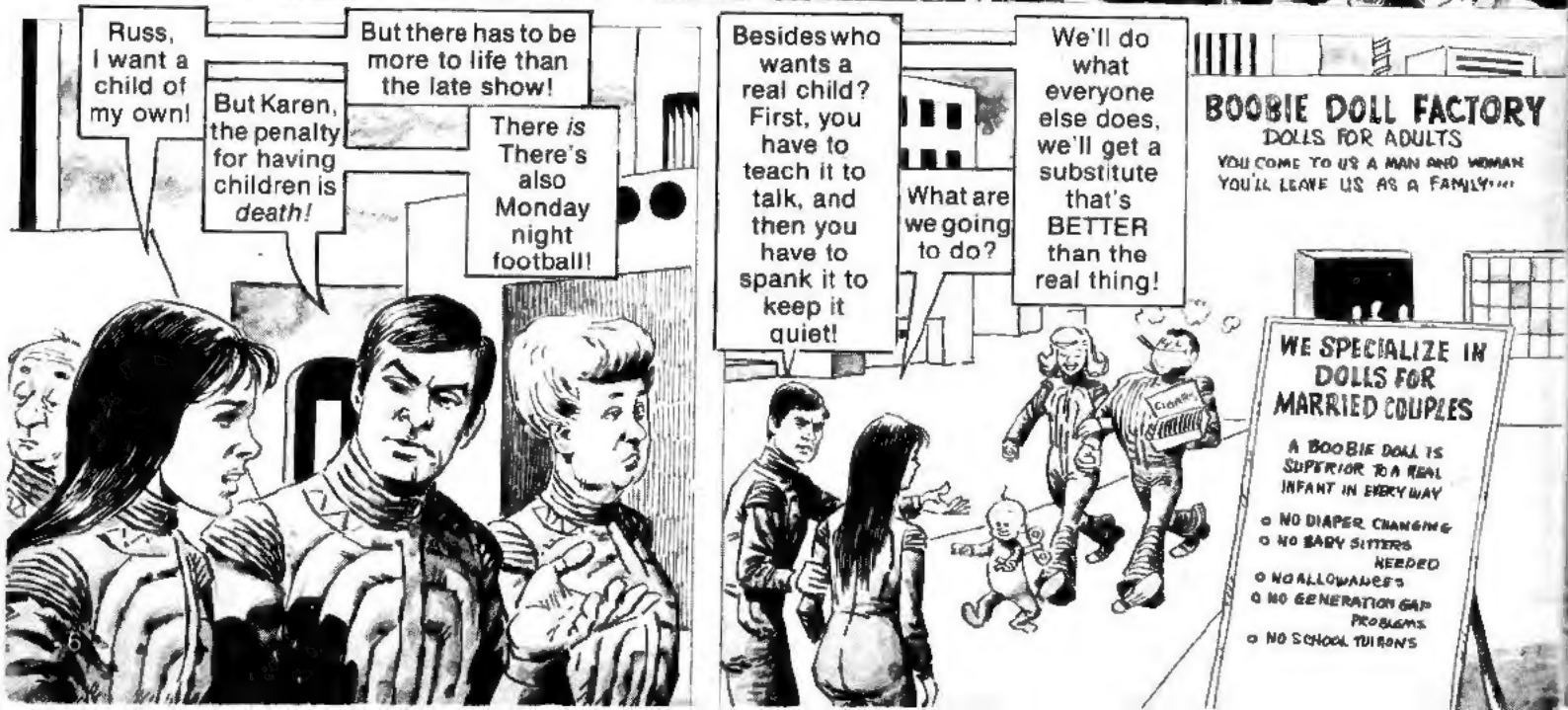
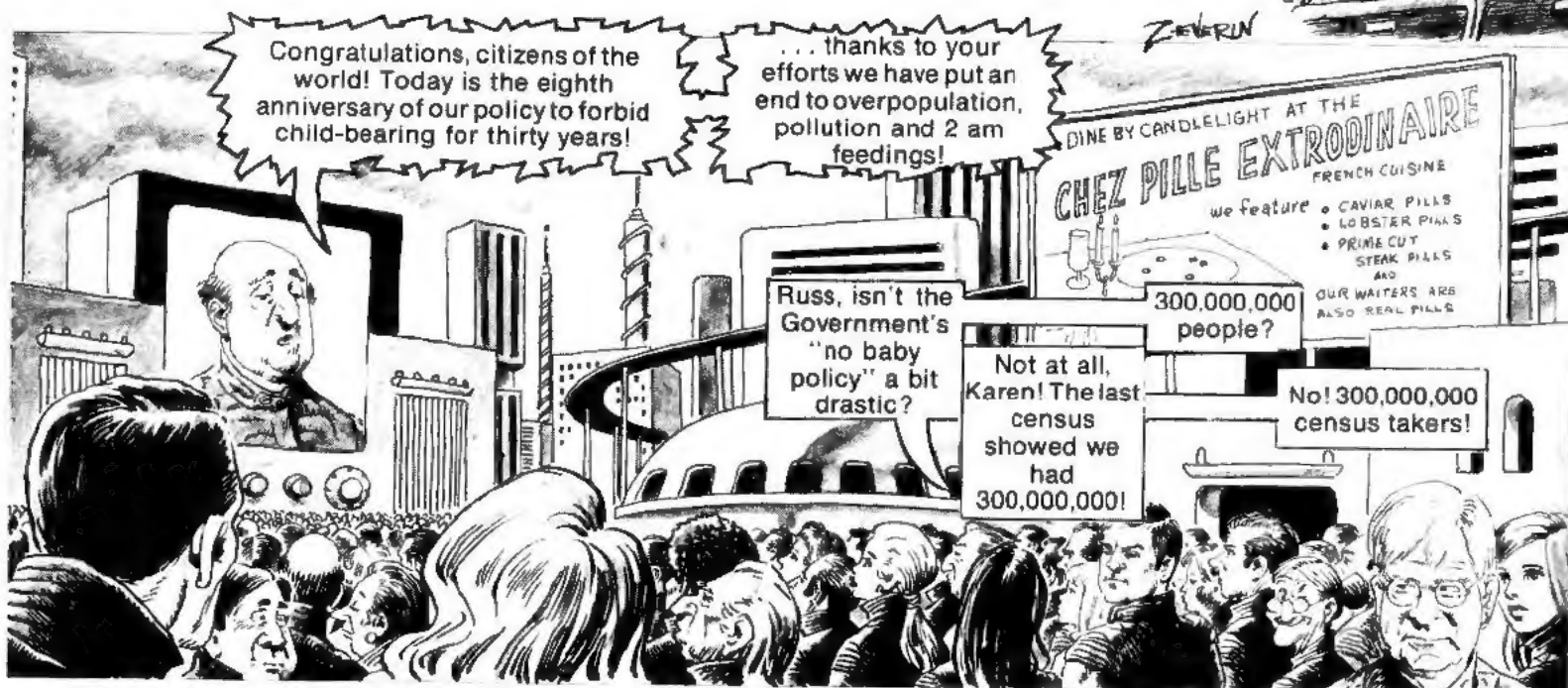
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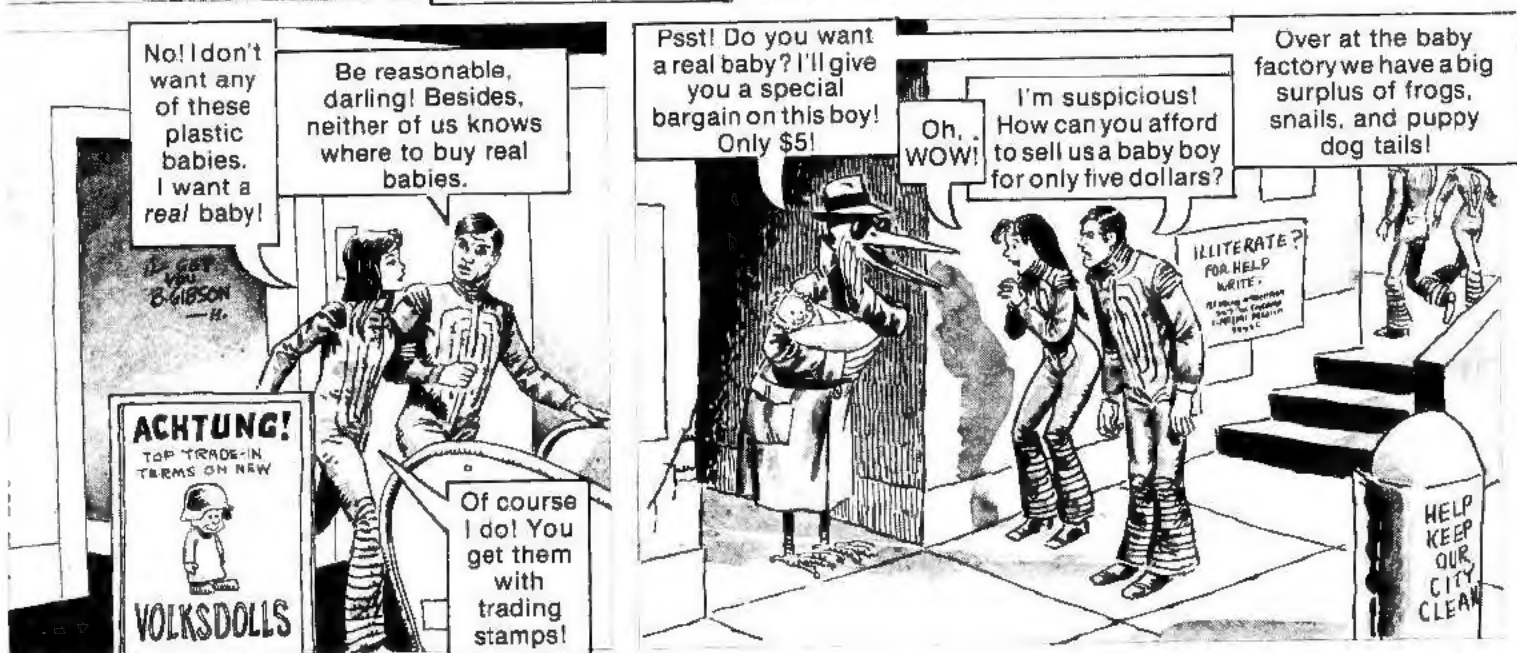
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To combat the problems of over population, some organizations like Z.P.G. suggest that we should have zero population growth. But leave it to Hollywood to come up with a **UNIQUE SOLUTION TO THE OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM** ... put people to sleep with boring movies so they won't have time to reproduce. A prime example of this type of movie fare is aptly titled ...

# ZZZZPG







"MUSEUM OF THE 1970'S" everything in this museum, is reproduced exactly as it existed in the 1970's, including the grimy restrooms.


Lucky us! Since we're performers here, we get an extra oxygen ration and a chance to eat yummy gourmet food from the 1970's... TV Dinners!

And on our birthdays we get a chance to sniff the world's last flower!



EGYPTIAN ROOM ON THIRD FLOOR (NO MUMMIES ON EXHIBIT)

Heh! Heh! We also get to take home magazines from the 1970's!


THESE EXTINCT CREATURES THRIVED IN THE '70'S

RABBIT	COW	BILL
		
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN PROMISES		

FAMOUS ENTERTAINERS OF THE 70'S

SINGER	ACTOR	CLOWN
		
FRANK SINATRA	MARLON BRANDO	MAYDAY VORTY

WORST POLLUTERS OF THE 1970'S

THIS POLLUTED THE AIR	THIS POLLUTED THE WATER	THIS POLLUTED THE MINDS
		
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How come they have four adults living together? Is that the way people really lived back in the 1970's?

Yes! Didn't you see that movie, "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice?"

Maybe the average guy lived better in the 70's, but I think we retired people live better today, don't you?

Certainly! Today medical science has the cure for cancer, heart disease and shuffleboard splinters!

It's 5 pm! Everybody, please leave the museum!

TYPICAL NEWSPAPER FROM 1975

LOS ANGELES TIMES

**DODGERS DROP TWO TO PIRATES**

KOWALSKI RAPS 2 HRS

5000 MORE DIE IN LA SHOG

Karen, I know for a fact your baby is a real baby!

How come?

It tried to eat my matches!

Look ol' man! It's selfish to keep a whole baby all to yourselves! My wife and I want a piece of the action!

You can have a dozen pieces of the action. You can have a dozen of the baby's diapers!

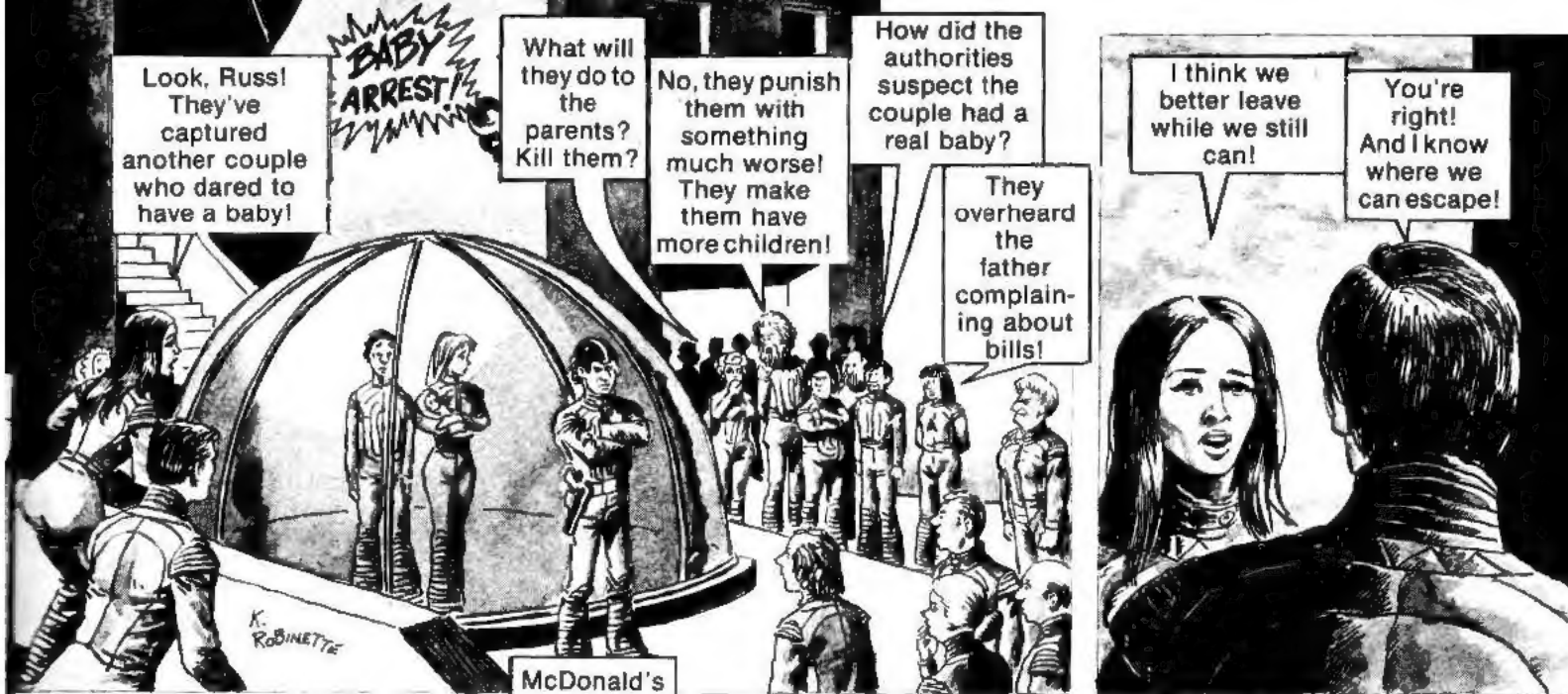
Karen, I'm worried! I think those finks are going to turn us in to the authorities!

Say! What's that big commotion up ahead?

MUSEUM EXIT 3

OUT OF RESPECT TO THE GRASS THAT NO LONGER GROWS ON OUR PLANET PLEASE KEEP OFF





Look, Russ!  
They've  
captured  
another couple  
who dared to  
have a baby!

**BABY  
ARREST!**

What will  
they do to  
the  
parents?  
Kill them?

No, they punish  
them with  
something  
much worse!  
They make  
them have  
more children!

How did the  
authorities  
suspect the  
couple had a  
real baby?

They  
overheard  
the  
father  
complaining  
about  
bills!

I think we  
better leave  
while we still  
can!

You're  
right!  
And I know  
where we  
can escape!

K.  
ROBINETTE

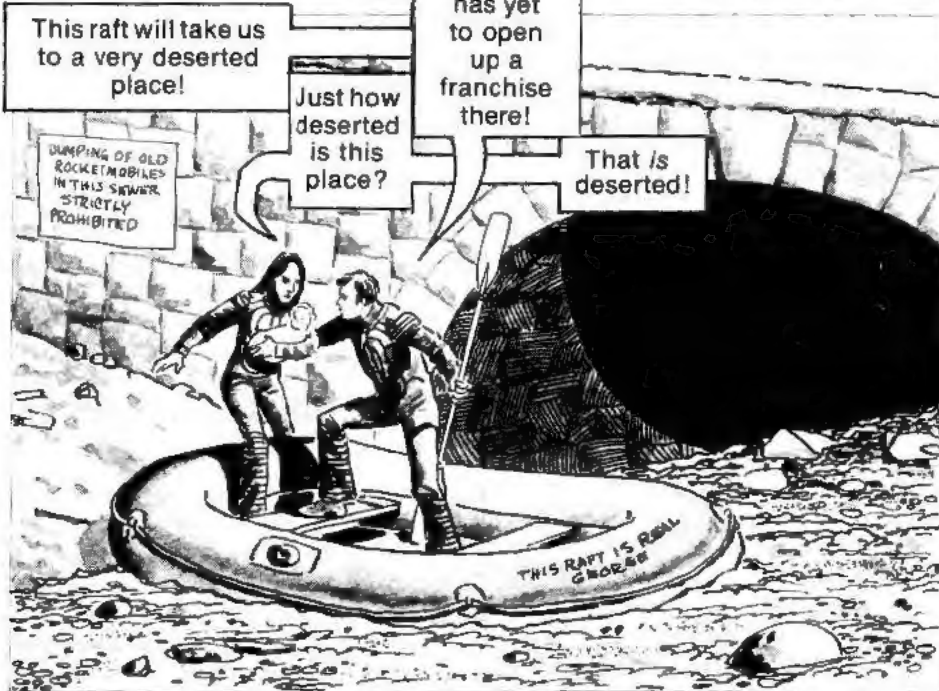
This raft will take us  
to a very deserted  
place!

Just how  
deserted  
is this  
place?

McDonald's  
has yet  
to open  
up a  
franchise  
there!

That *is*  
deserted!

DUMPING OF OLD  
ROCKET MOBILES  
IN THIS SEWER  
STRICTLY  
PROHIBITED



Sob! Russ,  
I don't know  
if I like the  
idea of  
living alone  
by  
ourselves!

Don't worry,  
darling, we'll  
have plenty of  
company where  
we're going!



... All the other outcast  
parents of the movie  
world are hiding out here!

We're from the  
Planet of the Apes!  
We came here to  
raise our baby!

I'm  
Rosemary!  
I came to  
raise my  
baby!

I'm Willard, and I  
came here to raise  
my babies!



# A DAY AT THE AIRPORT!

Now airline people are a pretty cool lot, but this caused some of them to lose a little of that cool. Let's see what happened when Mr. Hippo began charging around . . .

Let's see . . . two pigeons, two goats, two reindeer, two pigs. You know, I think we've just shipped Noah's Ark!



BERNARD BAILEY

What's that!?

A hippopotamus, sir.

I mean whose is it? Anybody here order a hippopotamus? Where did everybody go?



Chief Johnson? I don't want to spoil your day, but it seems we have a hippopotamus running loose down here.



He's knocking over crates, phone booths, things like that. Any instructions?



Must you bother me with every trifle? Look in the cargo handler's manual.



Sure, over at LaGuardia they get Raquel Welch crossing her legs for photographers. Here I get a weird hippo. The manual says, 7 feet in height, and 15 feet in circumference . . .





Sure We'll lasso him with a tape measure, right? What do I care about dimensions? I'm not buying him a sweater



Hippos are found in Abyssinia, Gambia and in some airports See 'Rampaging Hippos'

Look, Smedley, I'm busy checking on other things Call the zoo



Hello, zoo-keeper? This is Smedley at Kennedy Airport We have a hippo running loose

Do you have his registration number?

No



Sorry we don't handle unregistered hippos

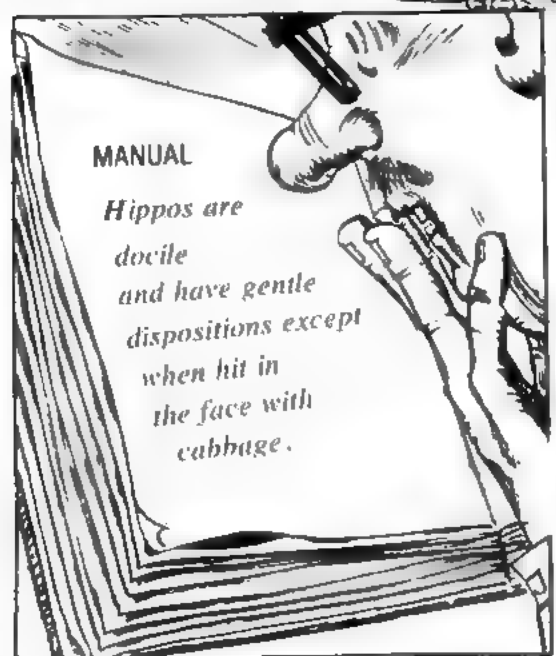
But how do we capture him?

Put salt on his tail Look, I'm busy, checking out a wild new beast up here



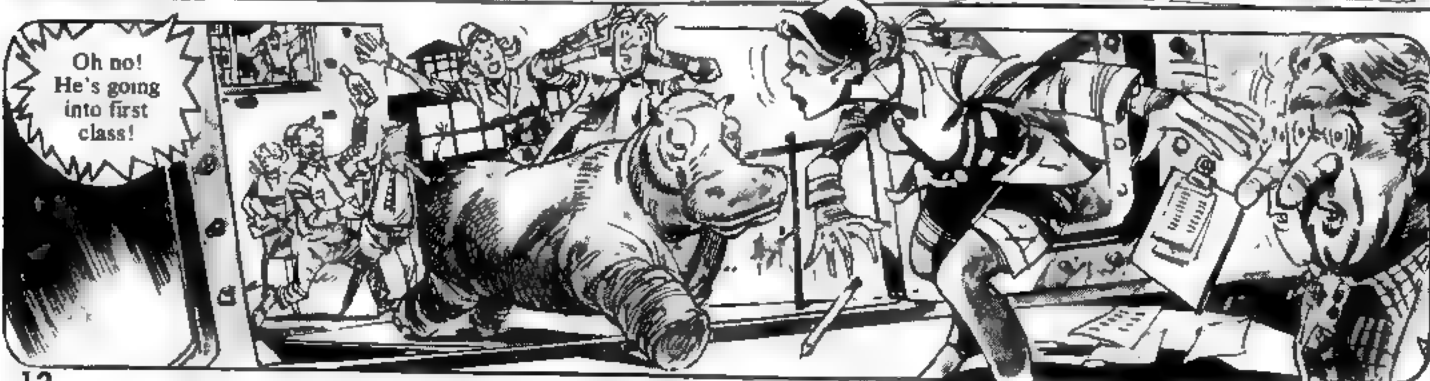
# MANUAL

Hippos are docile and have gentle dispositions except when hit in the face with cabbage.



Harrison! No! Don't you read the manual?







Sorry to disturb you, sir. The hippo has Harrison in his mouth and he's racing onto the plane. Wow! Here comes Captain Forester out the window! He sure is agile for a man with gray hair.

Forester doesn't have gray hair.



He does now, Sir

I'll describe the action, Chief Stewardess Marlowe is serving him a drink. He's opening his mouth

Here's Harrison And look at those photographers They're talking to Miss Marlowe



Great publicity for us!

Now the photographers are taking leg shots on the plane's wing!

Tell Marlowe not to overdo the leg bit.



What Marlowe! It's Harrison! Over and out



# WHEEL ZEAL SECTION:

CRACKED has discovered why bicycling is the biggest growing sport since Wilt Chamberlain . . . Cycling promotes FRIENDSHIP . . . every dog in town will get to know you. Cycling promotes HEALTH . . . of the dogs chasing you. Cycling controls WEIGHT . . . those mutts will be taking hefty chunks out of you.

Bicyclists should be wary of Sunday drivers and Monday drivers, and Tuesday drivers and Wednesday drivers, and

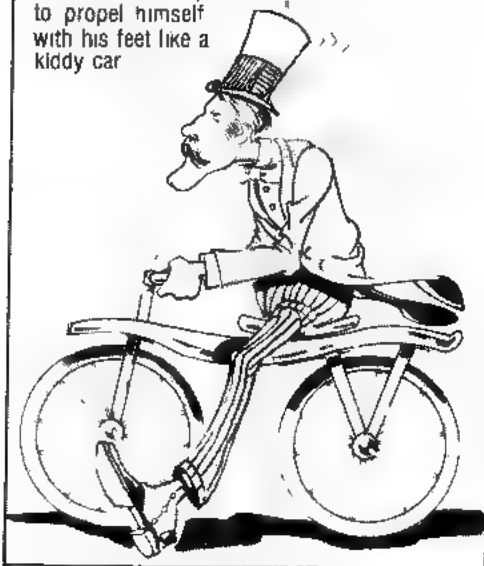
Since 70% of bike accidents occur in daylight make sure you ride only when it's pitch black

# CRACKED'S GUIDE TO BICYCLING

## HISTORY OF THE BICYCLE

### HOBBY HORSE BIKE — 1834

1. Bike had no pedals, driver had to propel himself with his feet like a kiddy car



2. By using roller skates, rider went much faster

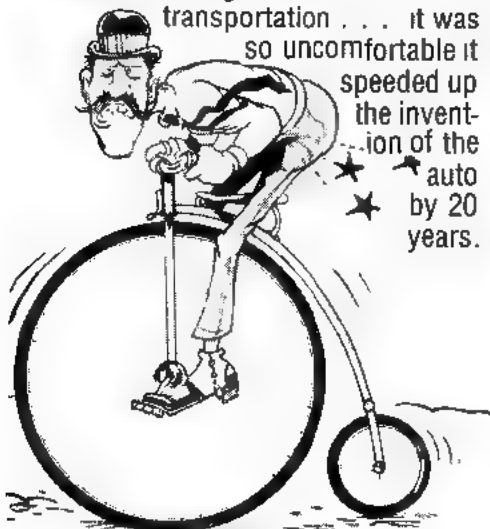


3. By abandoning bike altogether, rider went even faster



### THE BONESHAKER — 1868

This bike was a great contribution to transportation . . . it was so uncomfortable it speeded up the invention of the auto by 20 years.



### THE GIBSON GIRL — 1890's

Bicycling helped create the sexy "Gibson Girl Look" . . . if you don't think she looked sexy you should have seen what preceded her.



### MILITARY BICYCLE — 1914

Generals at first envisioned a big role for bicycles in modern warfare . . . idea was discarded when it was discovered bicycles only helped soldiers to retreat faster





## DIFFERENT TYPES OF BICYCLES:

### THE TANDEM

— for couples who get along



### THE TANDEM

— for couples who do not get along



### THE RACING BICYCLE

A cycle that is stripped down to the absolute bare essentials.

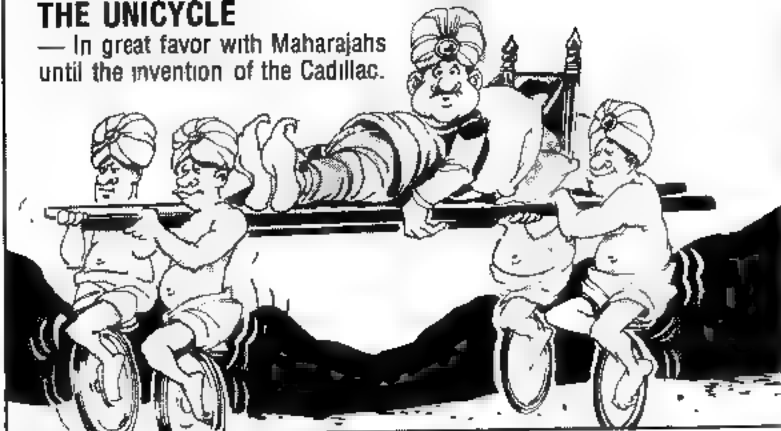


### MY BIKE HAS:

- 99 Speed automatic transmission.
- AM-FM stereo-radio with cartridge-player attachment.
- Gyroscope stabilizer
- Power-disc brakes.
- Dragster-type slicks.
- Turn signals.
- Air horn

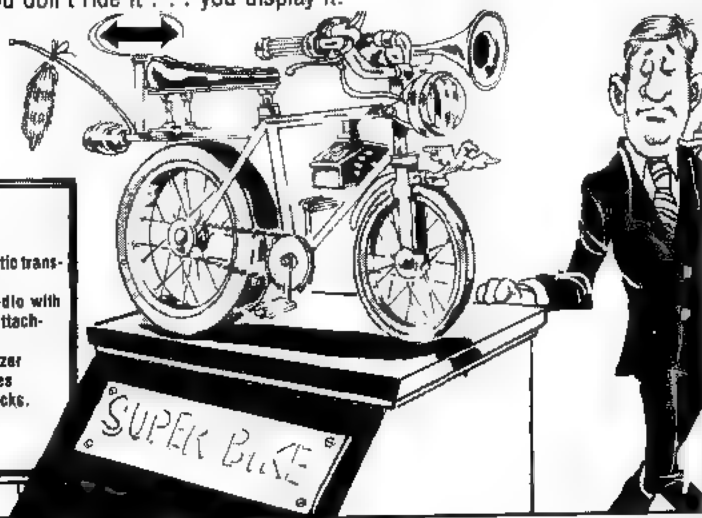
### THE UNICYCLE

— In great favor with Maharajahs until the invention of the Cadillac.



### THE STATUS SYMBOL BICYCLE

— You don't ride it . . . you display it.



## DIFFERENT BICYCLE ACTIVITIES:

GIRL-WATCHING or BOY WATCHING . . . as the case may be:



We're not strangers! Don't you remember? We're the ones who tried to pick you up yesterday!

### BICYCLE POLO

A game where you don't need a horse to horse around

I always knew you were crashing bore!

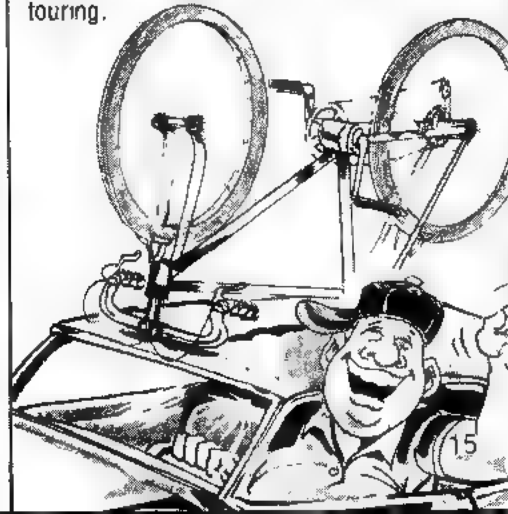


INCORRECT WAY to distribute camping gear when touring.

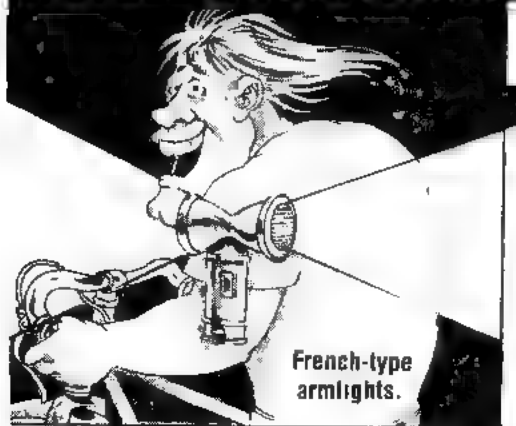


CORRECT WAY to distribute camping gear when touring.

BEST WAY to distribute camping gear when touring.



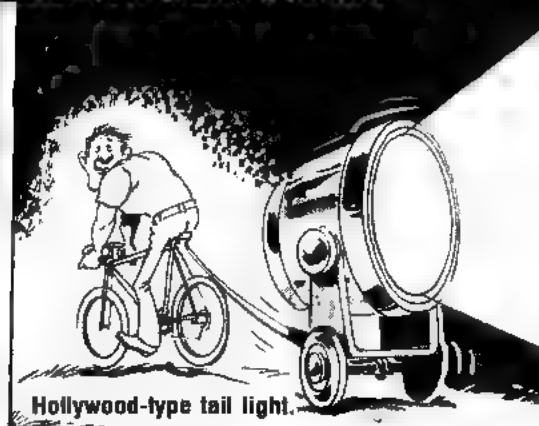
# BICYCLE ACCESSORIES: GOOD LIGHTS ARE AN ABSOLUTE MUST FOR NIGHT CYCLING.



French-type armlights.



Pittsburgh-type headlight.



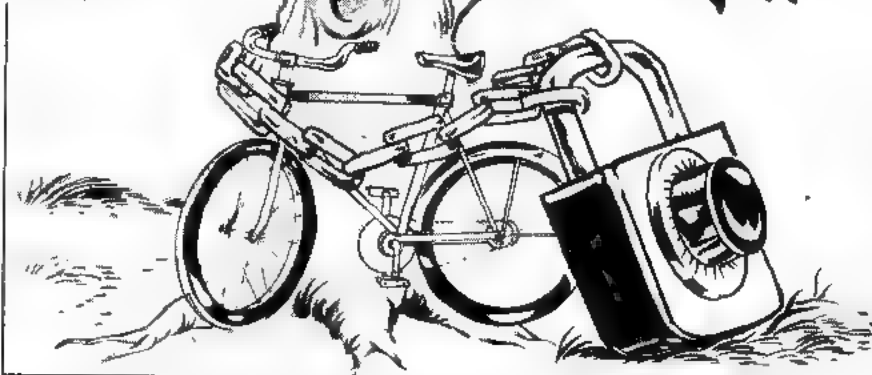
Hollywood-type tail light.

## GLOVES ARE RECOMMENDED WHEN BICYCLING:



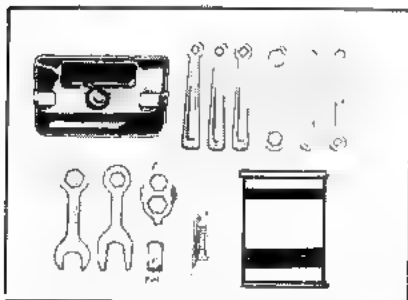
ORDINARY GLOVES

Since most bike thieves steal both bike and lock, CRACKED recommends the 200 lb. safety lock . . . lock won't prevent theft, but it will give thief a hernia

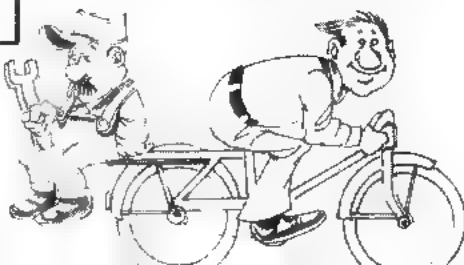


The only sure fire way to combat annoying dogs is to fight fire with fire . . . rider should bring along his own dog.

Riders familar with tools should attach repair kit to bike



Riders unfamiliar with tools should attach midget repairman to bike



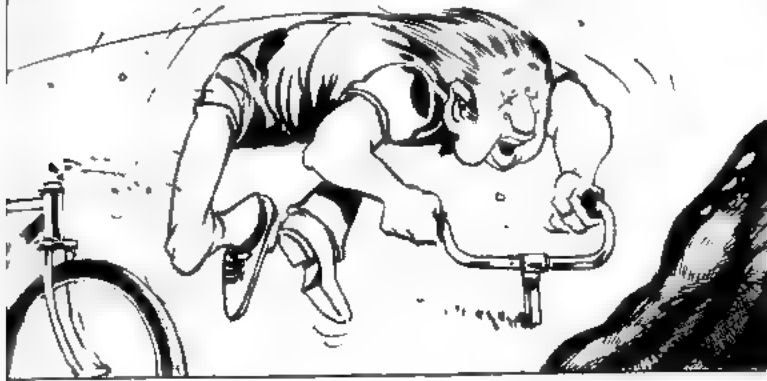
Bicycle helmets come in handy . . . they come in handy for pipe-smoking truck drivers.





## BICYCLE REPAIR TIPS:

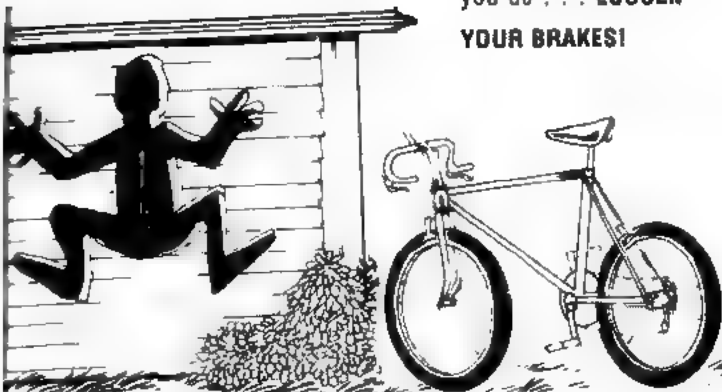
If you are always arriving at your destination before your bike . . .  
**TIGHTEN YOUR HANDLEBARS!**



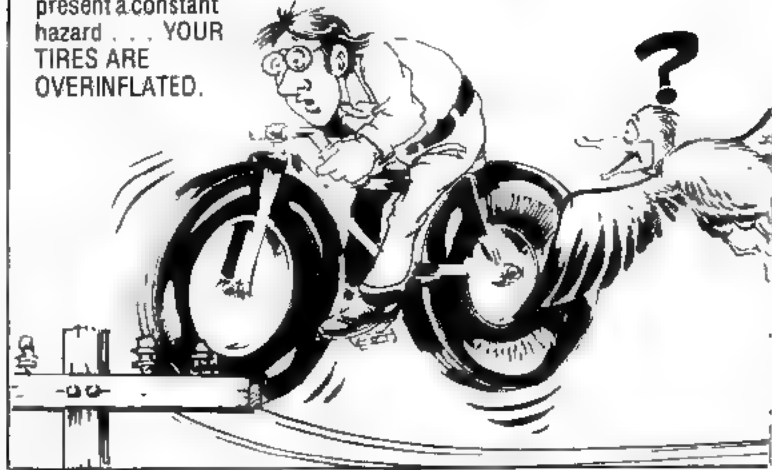
If you can carry on a conversation with Wilt Chamberlain without straining your neck . . .  
**LOWER YOUR SEAT!**



If your bike stops before you do . . . **LOOSEN YOUR BRAKES!**

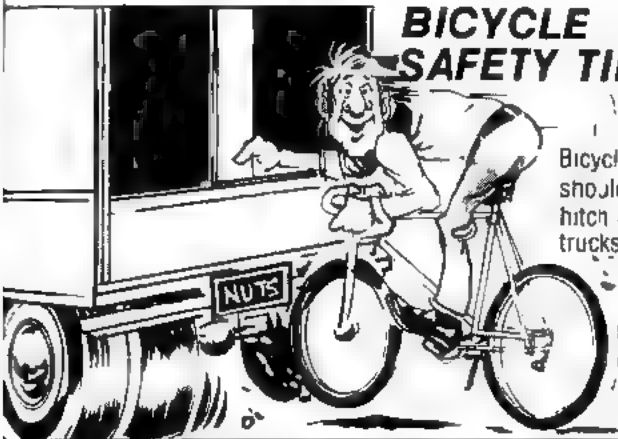


If telegraph wires present a constant hazard . . . **YOUR TIRES ARE OVERINFLATED.**

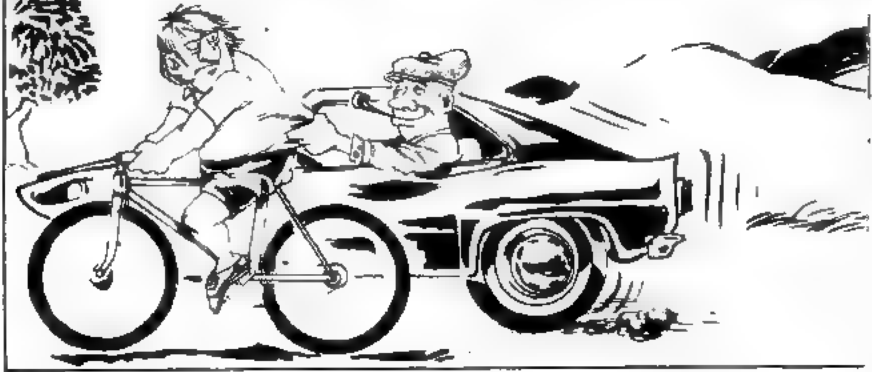


## BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS:

Bicyclers should not hitch onto trucks.



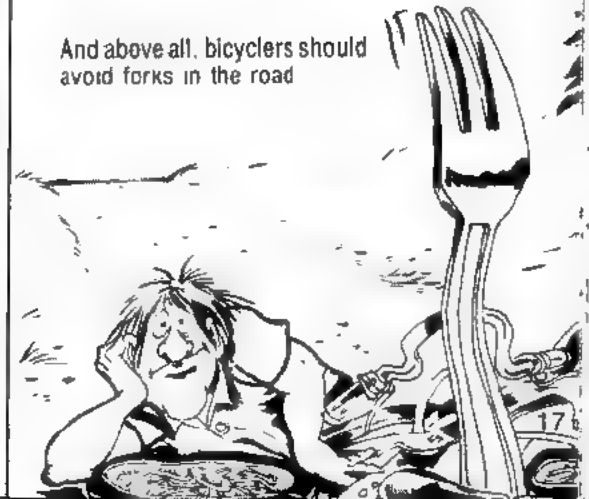
by the same token, sportscar motorists should not hitch onto bicyclers.



In areas infested with holpants the wearing of horse-type blinders are mandatory.



And above all, bicyclers should avoid forks in the road



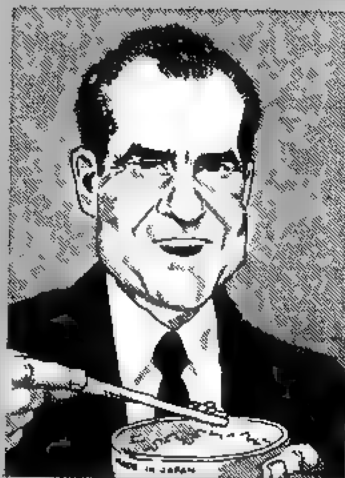
## KNOW IT ALLS SECTION

So you think you're up on what's going on in this fast-spinning, weirdo, world of ours, Bunky? If you are, then grab a pen, pencil, or an old paint brush and...

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President Nixon, in 1972, visited . . .

- ☐ Sesame Street
- ☐ Tiny Tim's tailor
- ☐ A nose doctor
- ☐ Red China



Ralph Nader claims **what** is not safe at any speed?

- ☐ Turtles
- ☐ A Ringo Starr record
- ☐ A car
- ☐ A wife's mouth

Martha Mitchell is famous for her . . .

- ☐ Tap dancing
- ☐ Pork chops
- ☐ Karate chops
- ☐ Phone calls



Spiro Agnew is:

- ☐ A hippie's best friend
- ☐ A newspaper reporter
- ☐ A used car salesman
- ☐ Vice President of the U.S.A.



Golda Meir promises to . . .

- ☐ Visit the pyramids
- ☐ Give aid to the pork industry
- ☐ Make the eyepatch a military decoration
- ☐ Give refuge to air hijackers



Jackie Onassis recently was photographed wearing . . .

- ☐ A "Fight Poverty" button
- ☐ Money
- ☐ Hot-sneakers
- ☐ A peek-a-boo blouse



**HOW TO SCORE:** For each correct answer give yourself 5 points.  
For each incorrect answer give yourself 10 points. (We love clods)

**ANSWERS:** Who knows? Our dog chewed up the newspaper.

# RENT EVENTS TEST

Son Edmund Muskie wants to run for

- ☐ A bus
- ☐ Dogcatcher
- ☐ His health
- ☐ President of the United States



Every Friday night, the Partidge Family can be seen

- ☐ Going to the bank
- ☐ Taking a bath
- ☐ Mugging each other
- ☐ Performing on TV



Howard Hughes has a lot of his money invested in . . .

- ☐ Belly button lint
- ☐ A chain of wishing wells
- ☐ Las Vegas hotels
- ☐ Tapioca mines



Author Erich Segal wrote

- ☐ Home for money
- ☐ Underwater
- ☐ Love Story
- ☐ The Sensuous Chicken

The "Women's Lib." is a group of ladies who want . . .

- ☐ A belt in the mouth
- ☐ To play for the Greenbay Packers
- ☐ Equal rights
- ☐ To lead when they dance



Frank Sinatra recently said he was giving up . . .

- ☐ Sky diving
- ☐ Fighting
- ☐ Playing Spin-The-Bottle
- ☐ Show business

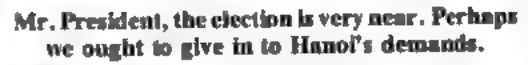


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# HAWK



No, Mr. President! Don't listen to your spineless, defeatist, advisors!

GIVE US A BOMB TO BOMB TO ETNAM!

HOT LINE TO RUSSIA

HOT LINE TO MARTHA

COLD LINE TO NEWS MEDIA

BETTER DEAD, THAN RED

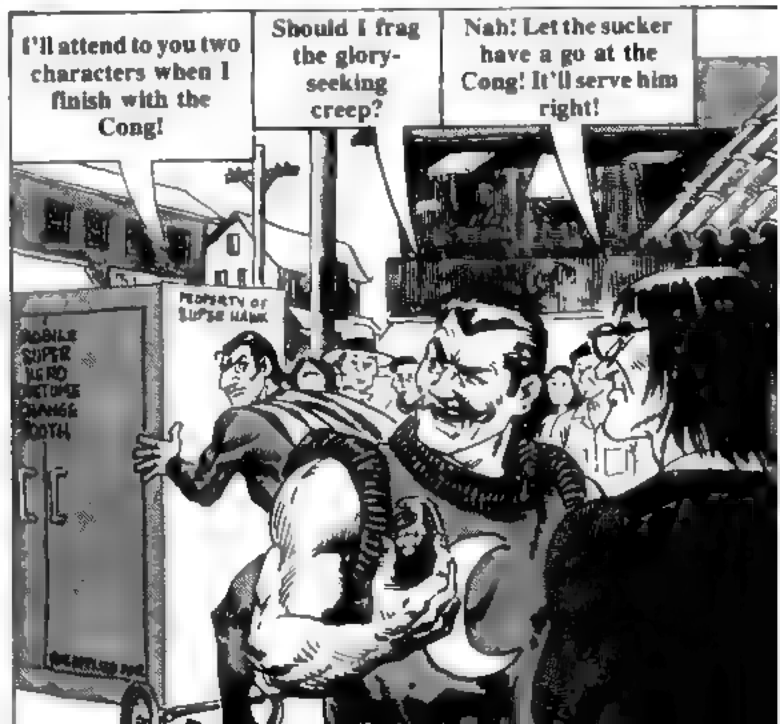
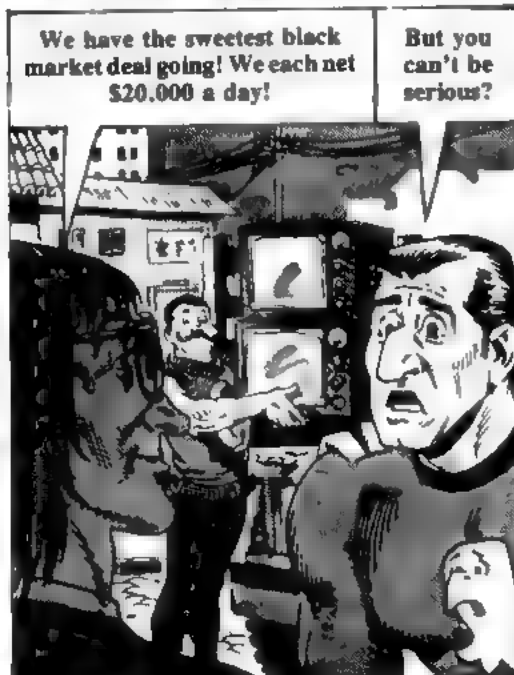
RED

WHITE

BLUE

**Yes, Henry! With *him* on the job, I can once more see the light at the end of the tunnel.**

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Hey! It's my old buddy... Mr. American Pie!

Come on up, Super Hawk! I have a bevy of chicks waiting for you!

SAIGON SHIRLEY'S PLEASURE PALACE

THIS IS NOT A PHONE BOOTH FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY

No thanks! I have to save my energy for more important tasks!

What's with him?

Maybe he's one of those Greenwich Village type super heroes!

HI! CRACKED READERS

Hi, Super Hawk!

Try some of our boss booze, Mun!

Gasp! It's Zapfinger and White Lightning!

I've seen it all now! America's finest super heroes dragged to the dregs of degradation!

Commie Rats! I vow vengeance on you who have defiled and corrupted the flower of our nation!

## THE NEXT DAY

According to my calculations, the enemy has 12 elite regiments over that hill!

Well, they won't have them there for long!

SOILED SUPER HERO COSTUME

## AT THAT MOMENT, NEARBY

Hey, Joe! Maybe we shouldn't drop the defoliant here! I understand Super Hawk is somewhere in the area!

Nonsense! He's a super type! This stuff can't hurt him!

AGENT ORANGE DEFOLIANT  
WARNING FOR USE ONLY ON INSECTS AND COMMIES

AH! BUT THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, SOLDIER!



That's super defoliant !

KOFF! KOFF! It seems to be affecting my whole body! KOFF! KOFF! KOFF!



KOFF! That defoliant must contain orange *krappon*, the one substance we super heroes are not immune to! GASP!



**SOME TIME LATER**

President, Super Hawk has just failed in his mission! I fear he's permanently disabled!



Gad! This is the worst setback I've suffered since the Redskins lost 12 yards on one of my plays!

Don't despair, Mr. President! The latest medical reports say I'll recover sufficiently to . . . to . . .

To win the war for us?

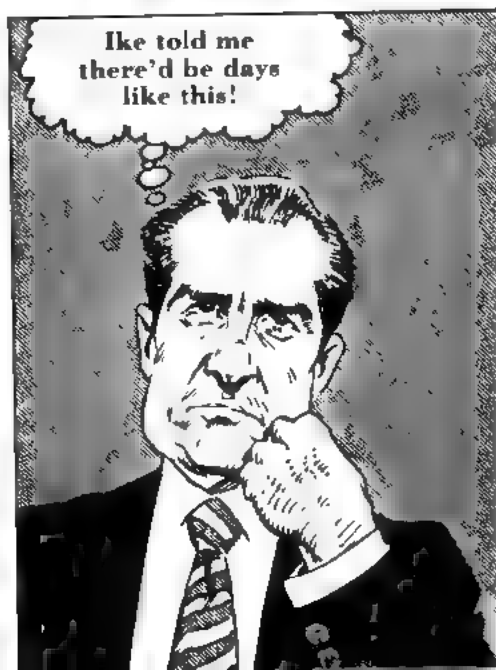


No! To serve as a sit-down comic on Bob Hope's next Christmas tour to Viet Nam!

THE INDIANS HAD BAD IMMIGRATION LAWS



Ike told me there'd be days like this!



"Things were so bad when I first started out in showbiz that sometimes I had to live for days on nothing but food and water."

"I wish somebody would tell my wife to stop throwing my clothes out the window... especially when I'm still in them!"



WACKY WORLD OF WIT SECTION:

# W.C. FIELDS LAFF-IN



"Talk about the powerful trade unions in Hollywood! Once, in one of my movies I said, 'I feel fit as a fiddle.' That same day I had to join the Musicians' Union."

"The trouble with Hollywood is that they publicize hammy actors and shoot movies. It should be the other way around."

"He's wanted for picking the pockets of midgets! I don't know how he could stoop so low!"

"My girlfriend may be eccentric, but she's got class... Do you notice the 75¢ cigars she's smoking?"

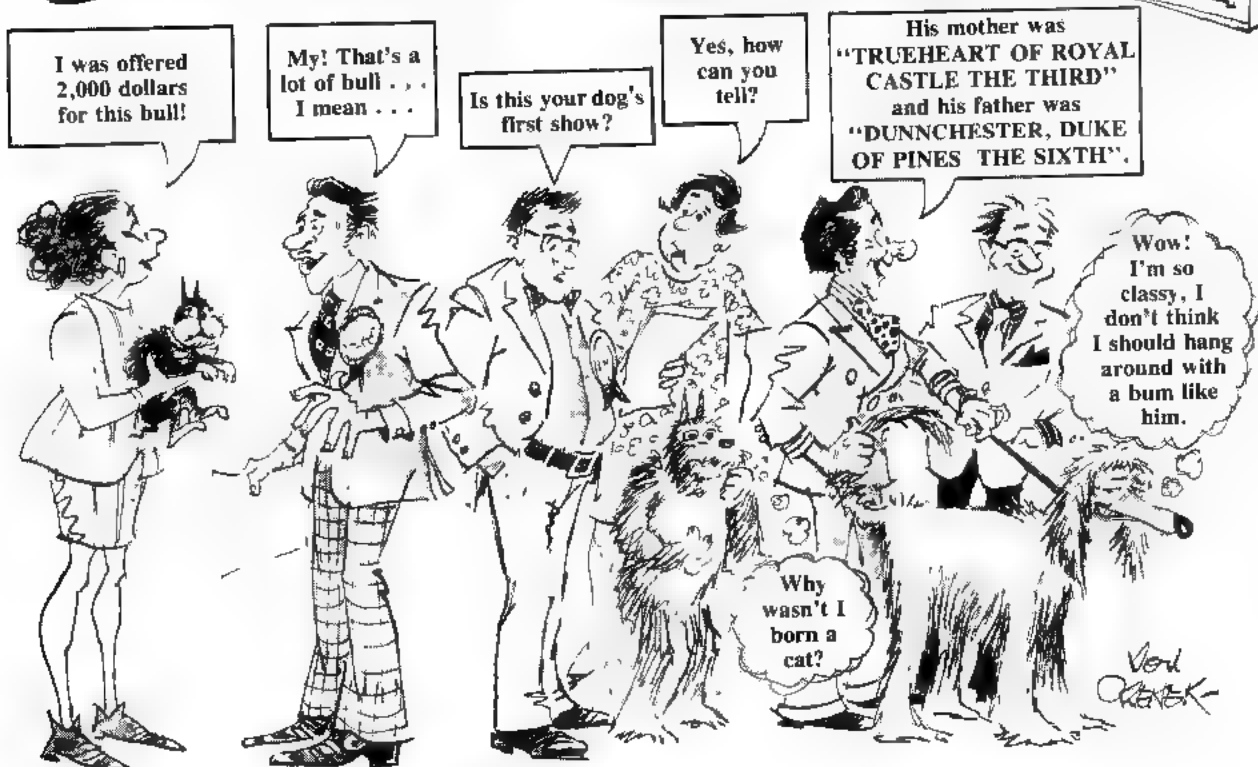


CANINE CHUCKLES SECTION:

Man's best friend is a dog and a dog's best friend is the man who invented instant dog food and the fire hydrant ... Dogs come in all shapes, sizes, and colors and when you get a bunch of different dogs together, you have a dog show with its blue ribbons, judges, and owners, who keep saying over and over, "HEEL, BABY HEEL!" Not to their dogs but to their wives ...!

# CRACKED LOOKS AT A DOG SHOW





# ASK A SILLY QUESTION, GET A...

Hello, Herb!  
Do you think it's  
going to rain?

Is it true, Mary, that  
your daughter eloped  
last week?

Hank, why are  
you painting that  
old house?

Sure hope not!  
I just left my shoes in  
the repair shop!

I really hope so!  
I rented her room yesterday!

I'm just covering  
it with honey!  
My wife is nuts about  
bees!

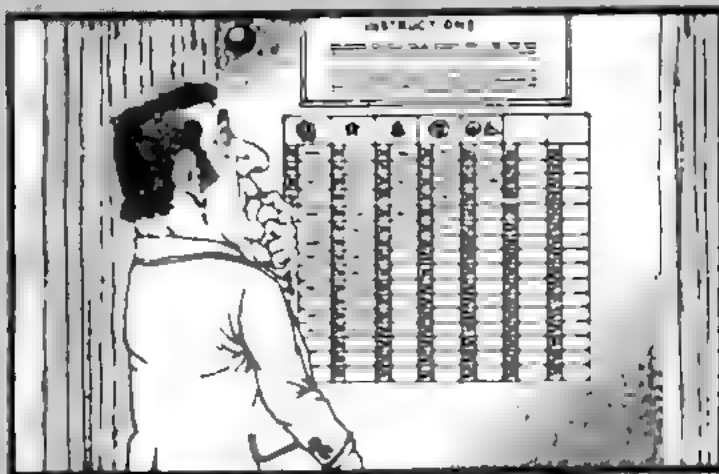


## IT TAKES TWO TO TANGLE SECTION

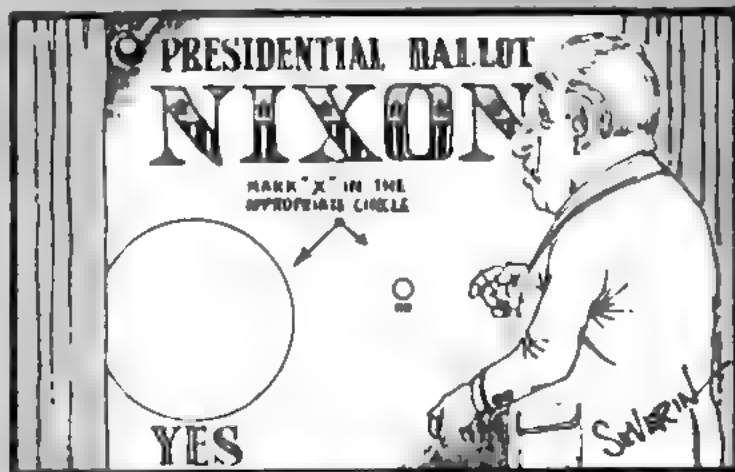
The present administration in Washington strongly defends last year's one-man election in Viet Nam. For once CRACKED has to agree with the establishment. One-man elections are superior to our clumsy and costly democratic system of choosing political leaders. To illustrate our point, CRACKED presents . . .

# The ADVANTAGE of One-Man ELECTIONS

The multiple-party system offers complicated, difficult to read ballots.



The one-party system would offer simple, easy to read ballots.



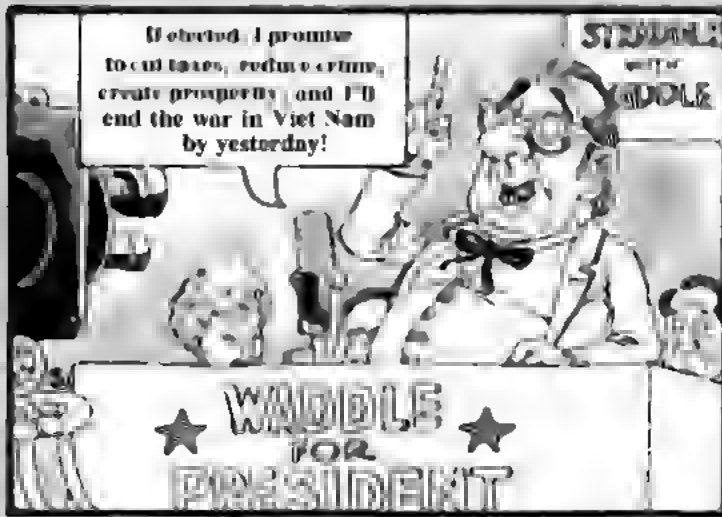
The multiple-party system sometimes makes it difficult to choose between candidates, as in the 1968 election.



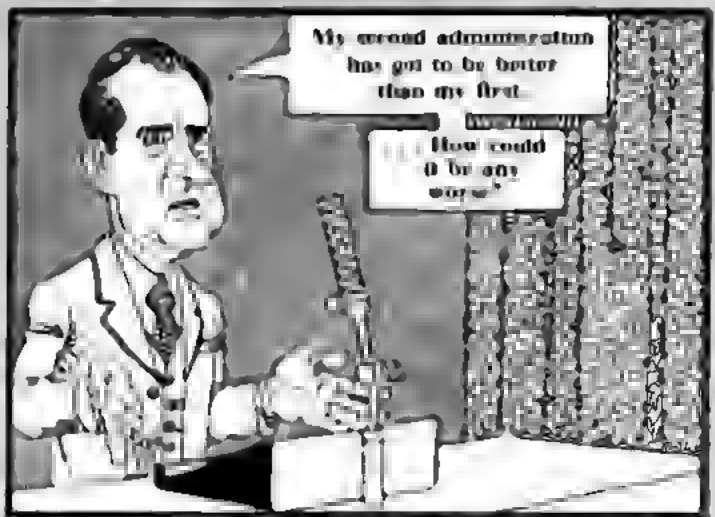
The one-party system would eliminate 50% of the problem.



A multiple-party system encourages politicians to lie in order to be elected.



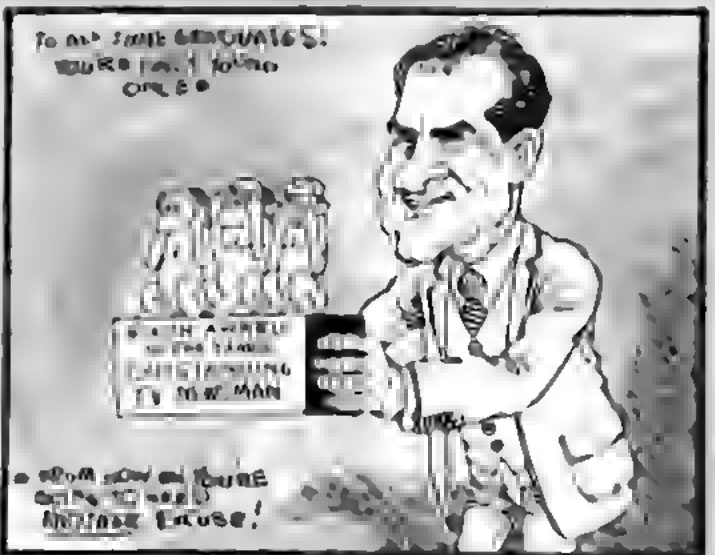
Since election is assured a one-party system would encourage politicians to tell the truth.



Under a multiple-party system, the many voices create noise pollution.



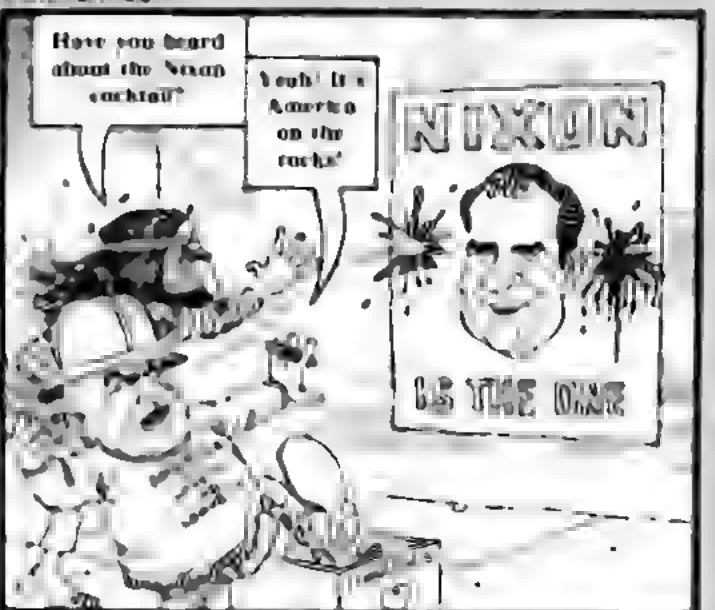
Under a one-party system only one voice would be heard.



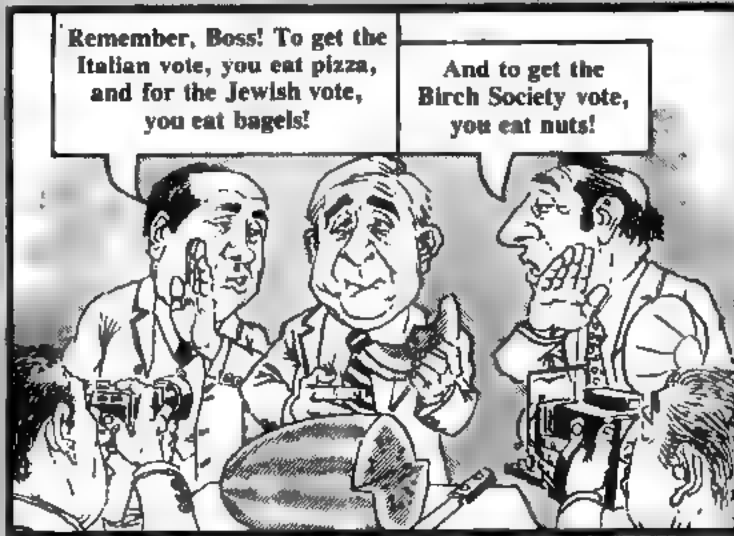
A multiple-party system divides the people of America.



A one-party system would unite the people against a common foe.



A multiple-party system creates many upset stomachs . . .



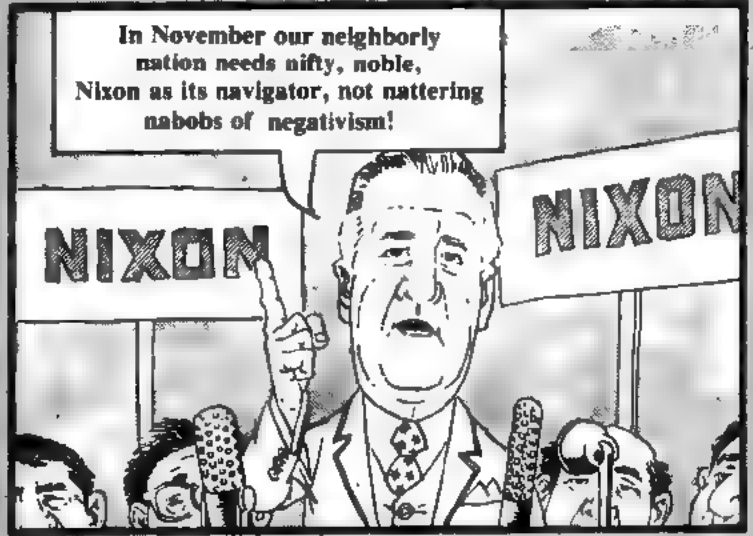
Under a multiple-party system, there is bribery and corruption



With a multiple-party system, there are thousands of bad jokes at election time



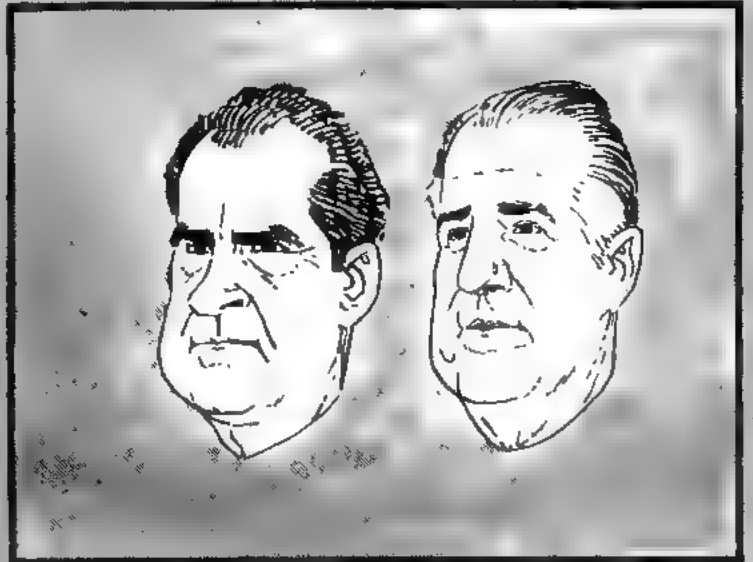
Under a one-party system, America would soon develop a strong stomach . . .



Under a one-party system, there would be no money around to corrupt people with



With a one-party system, there would be only two bad jokes at election time . . .





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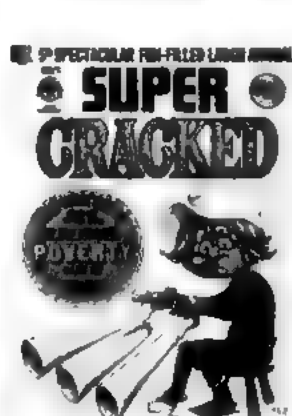
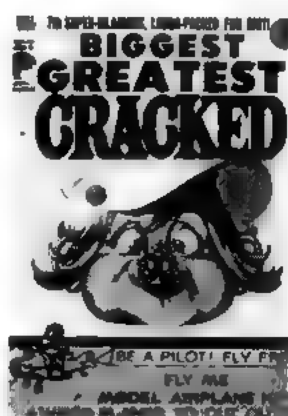
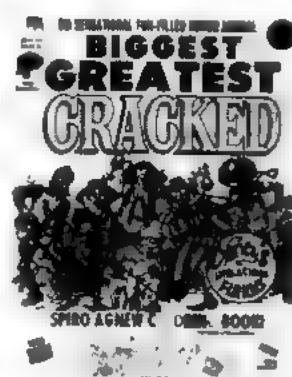
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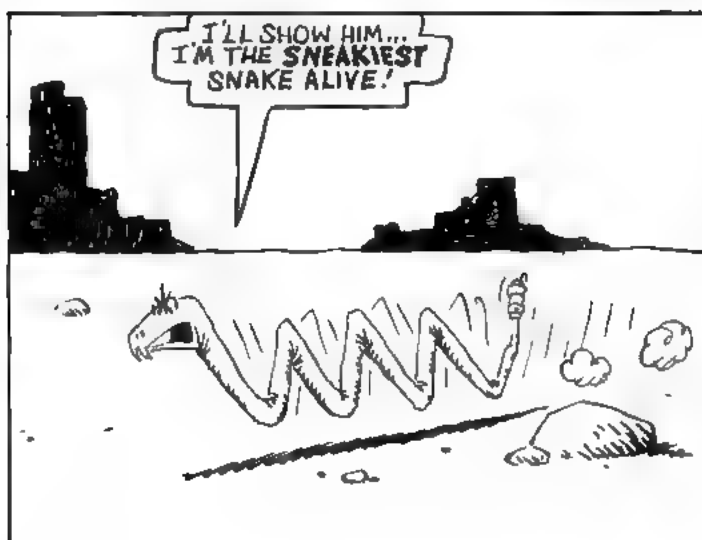
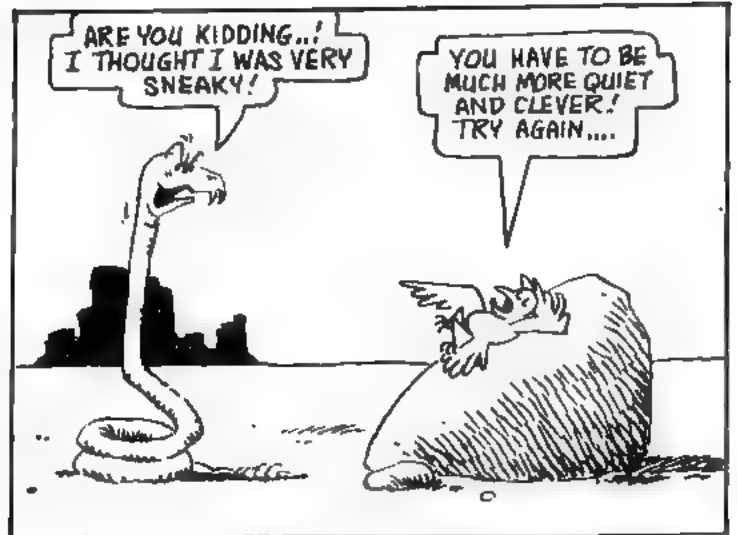
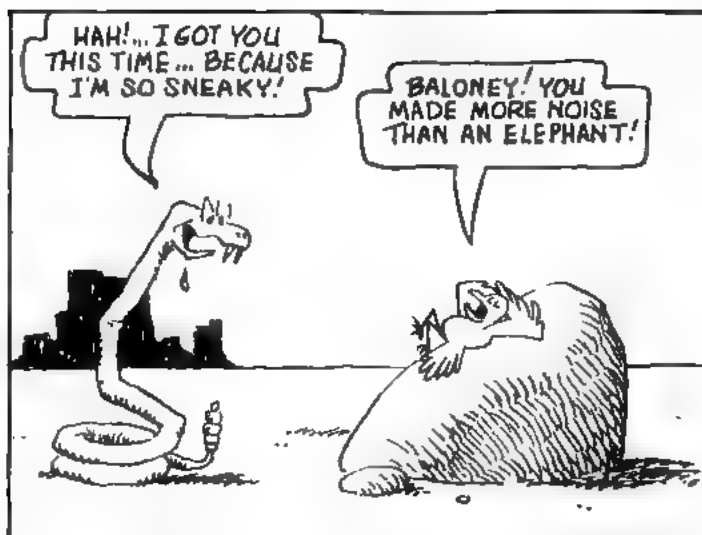
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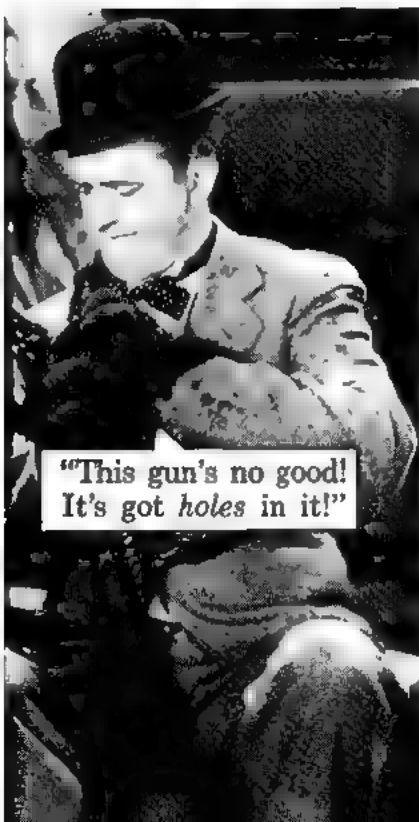
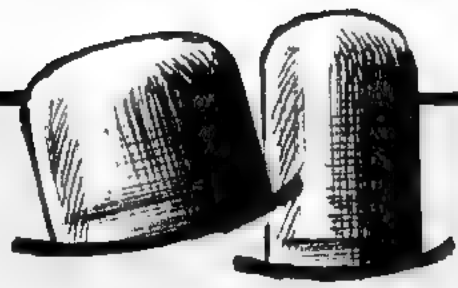


Back by popular demand are those mighty clowns of comedy, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy! Recently, we ran an article on them, and never in the history of CRACKED did we receive such a volume of mail. So here we go again for their millions of fans!





# LAUREL and HARDY'S WACKY WORLD of FUN!



# CRACKED

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ONE FOR ME, ONE FOR... HOW DID  
THAT DIRTY 1,000 BILL GET IN  
THERE? ... ONE FOR...



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PHOTOGRAPHER, EDDIE ZOOM, SNAPPED  
THIS RARE PHOTO OF MILLIONAIRE HOWARD  
HUGHES AT WORK. IT IS RUMORED THAT  
HUGHES HAS BOUGHT THE PACIFIC OCEAN  
FOR HIS OWN PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL.

MR. MAYOR,  
WHAT ARE  
THE MAJOR  
PROBLEMS OF  
NEW YORK  
CITY?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
NEW YORK, BUT I'LL  
GIVE YOU SOME  
THOUGHTS ON  
LOS ANGELES,  
MIAMI BEACH,  
PARIS, LONDON...



NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—THIS GREAT CITY  
WENT CRAZY. PARADES WERE HELD, MUSIC  
AND CHEERING FILLED THE AIR, YESTERDAY.  
THE REASON, MAYOR LINDSAY WAS  
ACTUALLY SPOTTED IN CITY HALL.

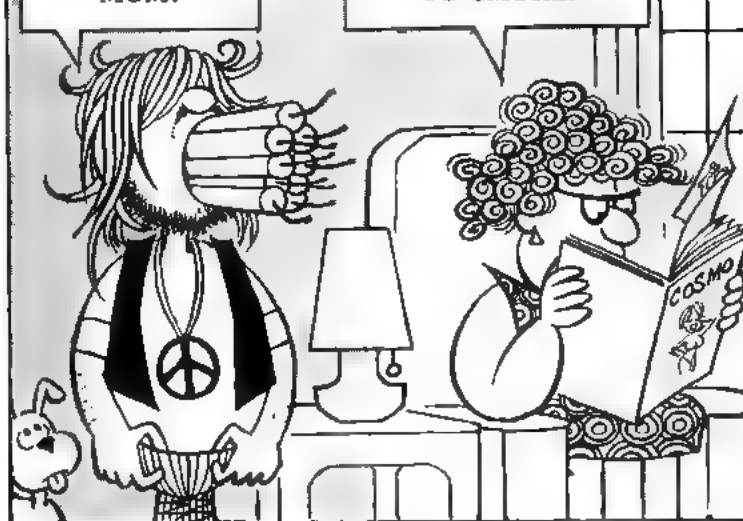
I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO  
MY NEW CHAUFFER, MISS MARTHA  
GOODWILL, MY NEW BODY GUARD,  
MISS SALLY KLIMPER, MY NEW PRESS  
REPRESENTATIVE, MISS ALICE  
MILLSON!



WASHINGTON, D.C.—NATIONAL SECURITY  
ADVISOR, HENRY KISSINGER, IN A MOVE TO  
IMPROVE WOMEN'S EQUAL RIGHTS, IS  
SHOWN WITH SOME NEW MEMBERS OF HIS  
WORKING STAFF!

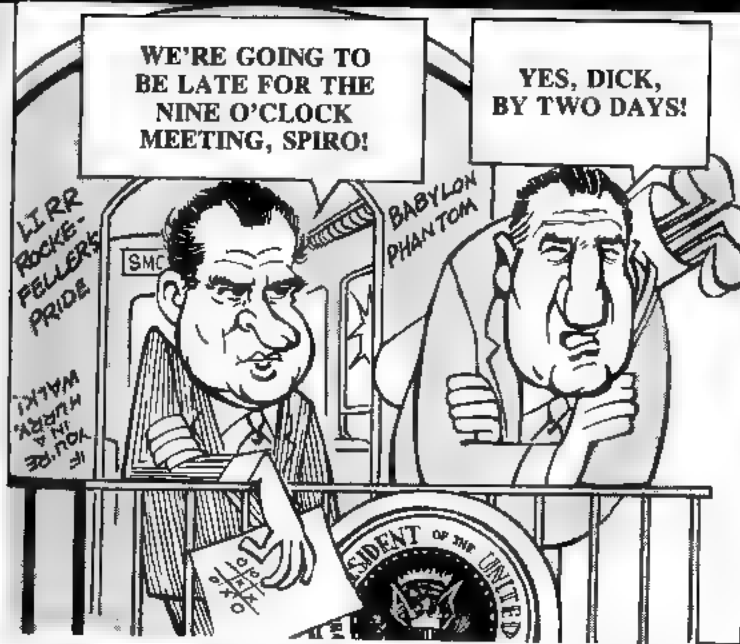
DO YOU HAVE  
A MATCH,  
MOM?

GEE, SON, YOU  
PROMISED NOT  
TO SMOKE!

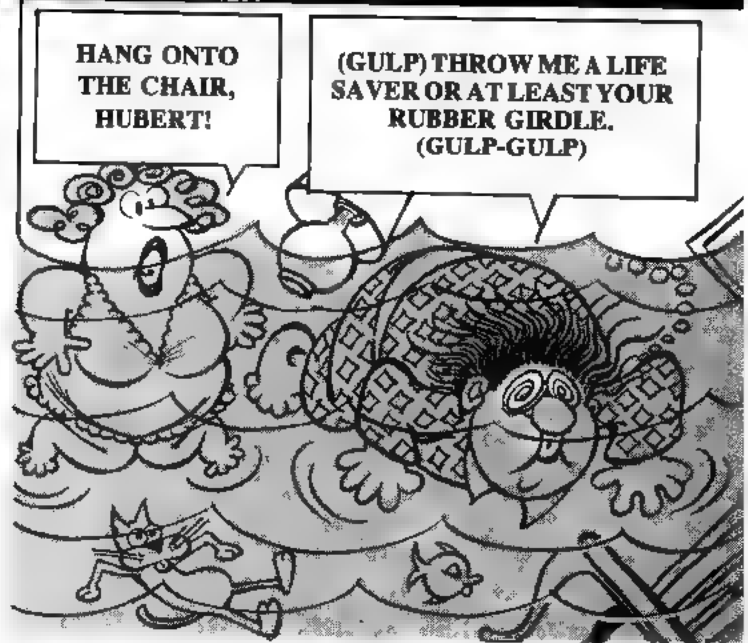


ELMTOWN, OREGON—ARNOLD K.M. ZINK  
COMMITTED SUICIDE BY SWALLOWING 30  
STICKS OF DYNAMITE THEN LIGHTING THE  
FUSES. ZINK WAS BURIED IN ELMTOWN,  
SMITHVILLE AND BLOGG CITY.

# NEWS-MAKERS



PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y.—PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON HAD TO CANCEL HIS SPEECH HERE LATE LAST NIGHT. HIS LONG ISLAND RAILROAD CAMPAIGN TRAIN BROKE DOWN IN FLUSHING, WOODSIDE, GREAT NECK...



FERNICK, TEXAS—STRANGE AS THIS MAY SEEM, HUBERT DRACKLE DROWNED IN HIS RANCH TYPE HOUSE—HIS WATERBED SPRUNG A LEAK AND DRACKLE COULDN'T EVEN WADE.



NERM, OHIO—LUDLOW FLACKER, 106 MARRIED FANNY QUINTON, 101, HERE YESTERDAY. THE HAPPY COUPLE PLAN TO SPEND THEIR HONEYMOON SHOOTING THE RAPIDS OF THE COLORADO RIVER!



LONDON, ENGLAND—A LARGE POLICE SEARCH WAS CALLED OFF TODAY. IT HAD BEEN REPORTED THAT TWIGGY WAS MISSING FROM HER HOME. HER FRIENDS SAID SHE WASN'T MISSING—SHE WAS JUST STANDING SIDWAYS!



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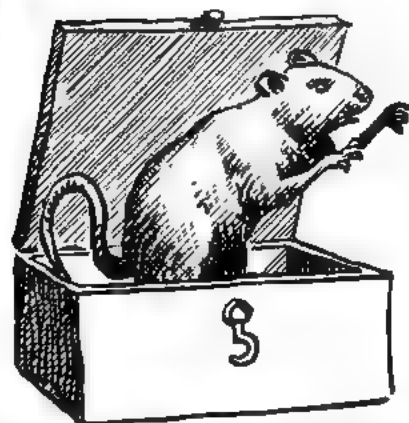
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A real horror, but great fun.

For our movie satire this month, we turn to a real oldie. No, not an old MOVIE . . . an old MAN! A man so old, he can hardly straighten up. In fact, he walks so bent over, we figure there's gotta be something wrong with . . .

# KLOTCH

Grandpa, you've been living with us for 19 years now and frankly, we're getting a little fed up . . . especially since you only came for a weekend visit!

So who's perfect?

Yesterday was the last straw! You left the top off the toothpaste tube again!

So what's so terrible about that?

You left it in Junior's oatmeal! . . . a long time he walked around with a lump in his throat!

Nothing personal, but you've become an old meddler, a senile delinquent, a hopeless bungler, and an all-around big fat slob!

And to top it off, you dropped your false teeth on his highchair! When he sat down he almost bit himself to death!

WEIGHT WATCHERS ARE LOSERS

We finally decided . . . we're going to hire a full-time sleep-in baby sitter!

Well, if you think it best for Junior!

What Junior? We're hiring her for you!

Somebody has to keep an eye on you in your second childhood!

Darling, maybe we're being a little too harsh on Grandpa. After all, he's over 80 years old . . . and more important, he is your father!

My father? . . . Omigosh! And all this time I thought he was your father!

Stop that nonsense or I'll leave! If there's one thing I hate more than old folks, it's old jokes!

Young people today just don't have no respect for us old folks anymore. Just because we're wrinkled and decrepit-looking and get in everybody's way and are obnoxious . . . that's no reason for them to avoid us!

I tell you, young ones don't have no respect for human dignity. They hold life cheaply. It's disgraceful! I say we take all these young people, line 'em up against a wall and shoot 'em down like dogs!

Oh well, enough wishful thinking. I'm gonna take a peek in the nursery and see how the new babysitter is doing . . .

She's a real fine-looking teenager, that one. Would you believe it, I still chase young girls. Only problem is, at my age I forget what for!

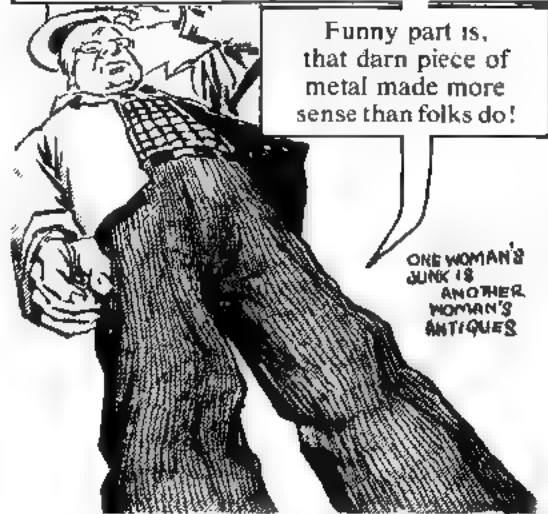


Hm-m, everything seems to be in order . . . nothing unusual here!

Glad we got the new babysitter . . . she's the kind who'll bring a lot of sweetness and love around here!

Can't seem to sleep. Think I'll take a walk into town and talk to anyone who'll listen to me. I'll talk to anybody . . . man, woman, child, dog . . . once I found myself chatting three hours with a fire hydrant!

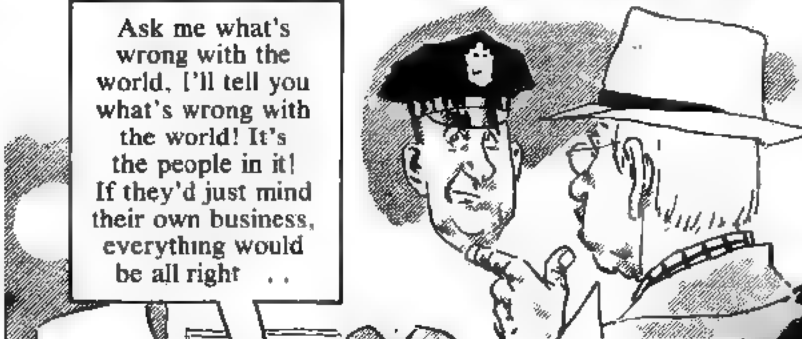
Funny part is, that darn piece of metal made more sense than folks do!



ONE WOMAN'S JUNK IS ANOTHER WOMAN'S ANTIQUES

Ask me what's wrong with the world. I'll tell you what's wrong with the world! It's the people in it! If they'd just mind their own business, everything would be all right . . .

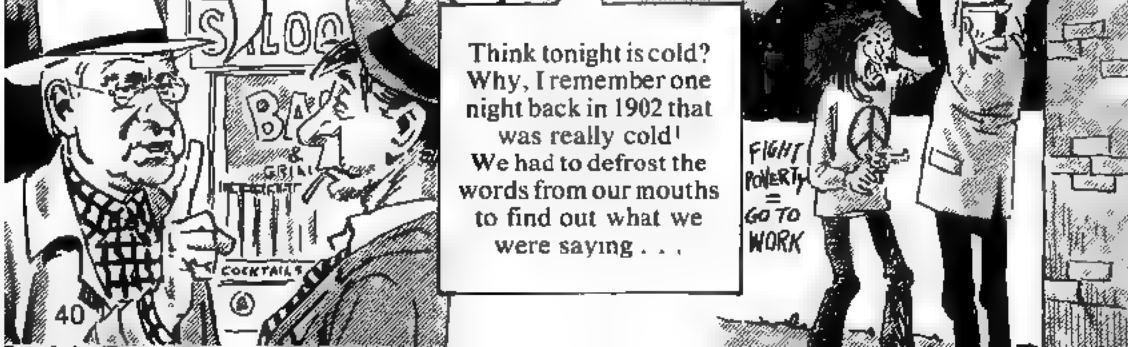
Listen to me! If the country wants to get back on its feet, we have to stop sending money overseas and put it where it really does some good . . . in Social Security checks. . .



Think tonight is cold? Why, I remember one night back in 1902 that was really cold! We had to defrost the words from our mouths to find out what we were saying . . .

FIGHT POVERTY GO TO WORK

You wouldn't have crime in the streets today if they listened to me! Like I once told our great President, Herbert Hoover . . . Herb, I said . . .





Grandpa, this time you've gone too far! I just got a call from the police station saying you were disturbing the peace! Not in town . . . at the police station!

People are starting to complain about you. They don't want you in the neighborhood anymore. You're making their dogs and cats nervous.

IF I DON'T SEE YOU IN THE FUTURE I'LL SEE YOU IN THE PASTURE

We're going to have to put you in a HOME!

A HOME? Your own father. I'll never go to a HOME!

You'll have your own room and friends your age.

Stop talking . . . you'll never get ME in a home!

You'll have your own pretty little nurse who'll wait on you hand and foot.

Like I say . . . it wouldn't hurt to take a look. I'll go pack a bag!

Well, here we are at the home. What do you think of it?

I'll tell you the truth . . . it's a nice place to die, but I wouldn't want to live here!

This place is disgusting! Look at that man painting the crabgrass over there! And that lady cleaning a chicken on the front lawn! And that old guy in his shorts blowing a ram's horn on the porch! What's disgusting about it is that . . . these are the attendants! I hear the inmates are even worse!

I'm leaving! This is the most hideous, revolting, chaotic place I've ever seen! What's the name of this joint?

Serenity Lodge!

Since you won't go to the home, we found you a nice little apartment for yourself . . . nearby!

What do you call nearby?

Just a hop, skip, and a jump from here . . . it's called Nova Scotia!

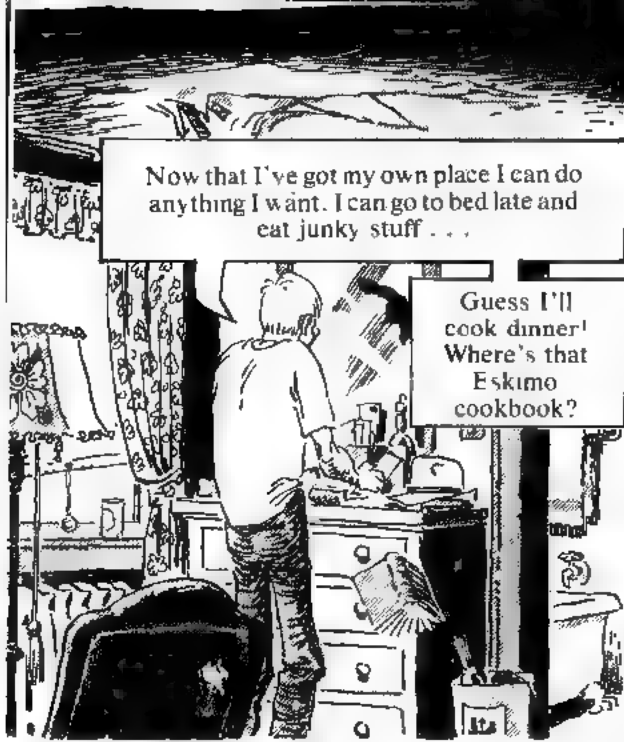
And it's only ten minutes away . . . by phone!

I have a feeling you're trying to get rid of me!

What makes you think that?

You're pushing me out the door, and I haven't finished packing yet!

As a matter of fact, I haven't even started!

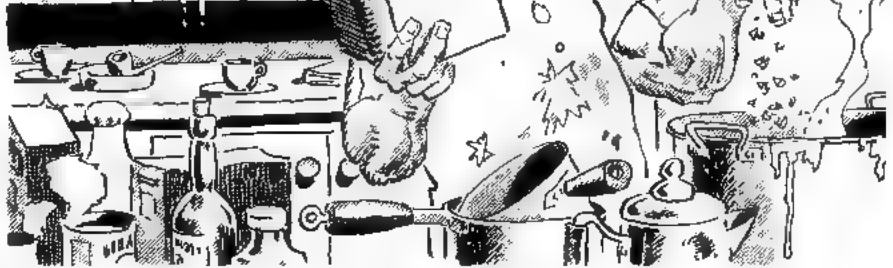


Now that I've got my own place I can do anything I want. I can go to bed late and eat junky stuff . . .

Guess I'll cook dinner! Where's that Eskimo cookbook?

Let's see now . . . 8 turkey necks, 14 spoons fudge ice cream, 1 4 pound hamburger, 4 marshmallows, 2 chicken livers, 1 bottle stuffed olives, 18 pounds of oatmeal, 1/2 cup of peanut butter . . .

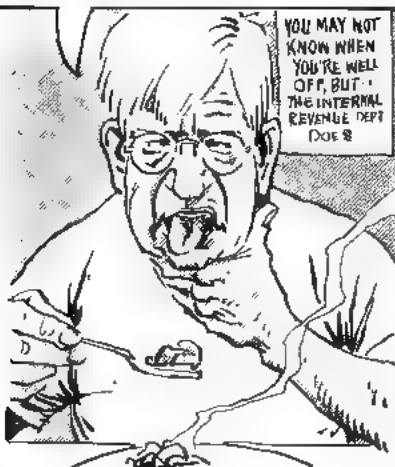
Beginning to look good! Hope I'm making enough!



On second thought . . . maybe I'll go down and see the kids. Haven't seen my grandson since this morning . . . and this is the night they have chicken . . .

I love children. I could stay at this playground all day enjoying these kids. Besides, I beat 'em at checkers . . . two games out of three!

Here, little girl, let me help you into the pool . . .



YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHEN YOU'RE WELL OFF, BUT THE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPT DOES!



Get away from there, you monster!

What grandfather? I'm talking about my little Rhoda . . . she's a monster! Get away from the pool, you naughty girl!

Madam, that's no way to talk about a kindly old grey-haired grandfather!

I try to help people but it never works. I keep bungling all the time! Like now, old lady. I'm helping you across the street . . . why are you fighting me?

Because I don't want to cross, you numbskull . . . I'm waiting for a bus!



Thought I'd surprise you, Son!  
Took me four hours but I finally  
got the top up on this new car  
you had delivered

Idiot! It isn't a  
convertible!

Surprise, Honey! I  
cooked the dinner  
for all of us today.  
You know . . . the  
partridge. Found  
the bird on the  
kitchen table when  
I came in today!

You nitwit! I  
bought that bird  
at the PET  
SHOP! It's a rare  
species . . .  
speaks three  
languages!

So why didn't  
it say  
something?

That settles it,  
Grandpa  
that's the last  
straw! I'm  
putting you in  
a home! You're  
not responsible  
for what you  
do!  
Everybody's  
complaining  
about you . .  
especially the  
people  
watching this  
movie!

All right already! I'll go to the home.  
Nobody appreciates me anymore.  
Would you believe it . . . I don't get  
no respect from Rodney  
Dangerfield, and just yesterday  
Dale Carnegie punched me in the  
mouth!

Main reason I'm going is that I'm just plain tired. Why  
this week alone . . . I watched the drugstore get a new  
rack of gloves; I talked a couple out of getting a divorce  
while in the courtroom; and I stopped a guy from feeding  
the small animals at the zoo!

That last one  
really knocked  
me out . . he  
was feeding them  
to the BIG  
animals

THE ADVANTAGE OF  
HAVING A LARGER  
CAR IS THAT YOU  
GET MORE FOR YOUR  
PARKING NICKEL!

So you finally  
put me in a  
home! . . . Hey,  
wait a minute  
this isn't a  
home for the  
aged!

Right! It's a home  
for the insane!

Any actor who'd accept  
the role of an  
80-year-old man has got  
to be a little crazy! . .  
especially a role in this  
senile picture!

It's Jack Lemmon's  
fault! He said it  
would be another  
ODD COUPLE!

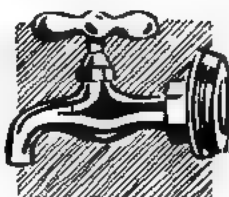
What it  
really  
turned out  
to be is . .  
another  
LEMMON!



# CRACKED FUN SHOPPE BARGAIN MERCHANDISE

## FAKE FAUCET

\$2.00 Ea.



"Water on the brain?" That's what friends will ask when they see this real-looking chrome faucet attached to your forehead. Get big laughs attaching it to your desk, a fireplace log, chair, etc.

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Natural-looking rubber hand. A startling, eerie effect!



## VENUS FLY TRAP

**\$1.50 FOR THE WORLD'S  
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This plant actually eats bits of meat, flies and insects! No work! Easy to grow! The Venus Fly Trap bulbs grow especially well in the home. Plants thrive in glass containers and will develop in 3 to 4 weeks. Each order includes 3 Fly Traps plus extra special material packed in plastic bag. **ONLY \$1.50 FEED IT RAW BEEF!** AMAZING is the word for this startling, surprising plant.

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Ooey-Goey! The perfect practical joke in heavy plastic!

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☐ I enclose an additional  
25c for RUSH SHIPMENT

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.....Nutty Catsup      .....Fake Faucet  
.....Venus Fly Trap

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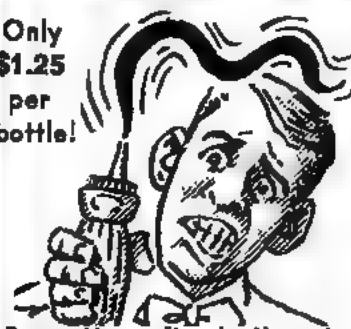
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Outside U.S. & Canada, please add additional \$.25 postage per item.

## NUTTY CATSUP BOTTLE

Only  
\$1.25  
per  
bottle!



Press the soft, plastic catsup bottle, and out shoots what looks like the real McCoy! Trick is that a catsup-colored string is ejected as you press the bottle. Great fun! Easily reloaded for wacky squirts.

Did you ever go to a discount store and find 100% waterproof boots on sale for just 99c? And did you then buy those boots only to find out later that they were guaranteed waterproof only when dry? You might ask, "How could someone get away with this?" Well, you'll soon discover how, as **CRACKED INTERVIEWS:**

# THE DISCOUNT KING



Shall we go inside?

In a minute, but first I'd like to point out our Auto Center across the street ... it's just like your friendly gas station around the corner.

DISCOUNT  
KING  
AUTO  
CENTER

Is that because you come to a person's aid at a moment's notice?

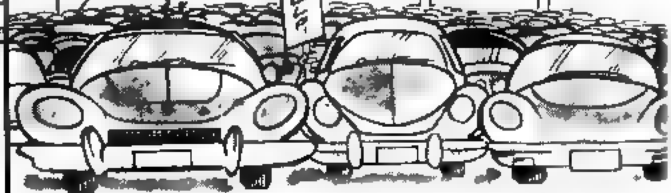
Well, that and the fact that we offer lousy service and charge absurd prices for anything we touch or breathe on.

I notice that all the spaces in your parking lot are built rather close together. This must cause a number of minor accidents each day ...

And Discount Harry's Automotive Center has the parts to fix that damage with. You see, Nanny, in the merchandising game, you gotta get it where you can.

OUT

LOT #31



Right here at the entrance is our "opportunity table" where drastically reduced items are put out all through the day. Why right now that saleslady is taking 50% off the price of any dress.

And what's the man under the table doing?

Why, Mr. Statts, that's dishonest!

Oh, he's doubling the price on each dress, so that when the saleslady marks them down, we don't end up losing money



No, Nanny, that's teamwork!

To your left is our slightly damaged no returns/no refunds table.

On the contrary. This is all brand new merchandise that's been either scratched or damaged.

Oh it works.

This table looks like a second-hand garbage dump to me.

You mean someone will actually buy this inoperable radio?

This crummy radio works?

No, the sales pitch works. We sell every item on the table!

1/2 OFF!  
SLIGHTLY  
DAMAGED



By the way, as we go in, let me remind you that every item in this store is imported.

A few, but most of our merchandise comes from Taiwan, Korea, and Japan

With the cost of American labor, who could afford to buy them!

Do you carry things from London, Paris, and Rome?

Why don't you sell things made in this country?



SAVE  
NOW

SYLVESTER  
P. SMYTHE  
SALE

Now, in this booth is our "Sale Namer." You can't have a sale without a name.

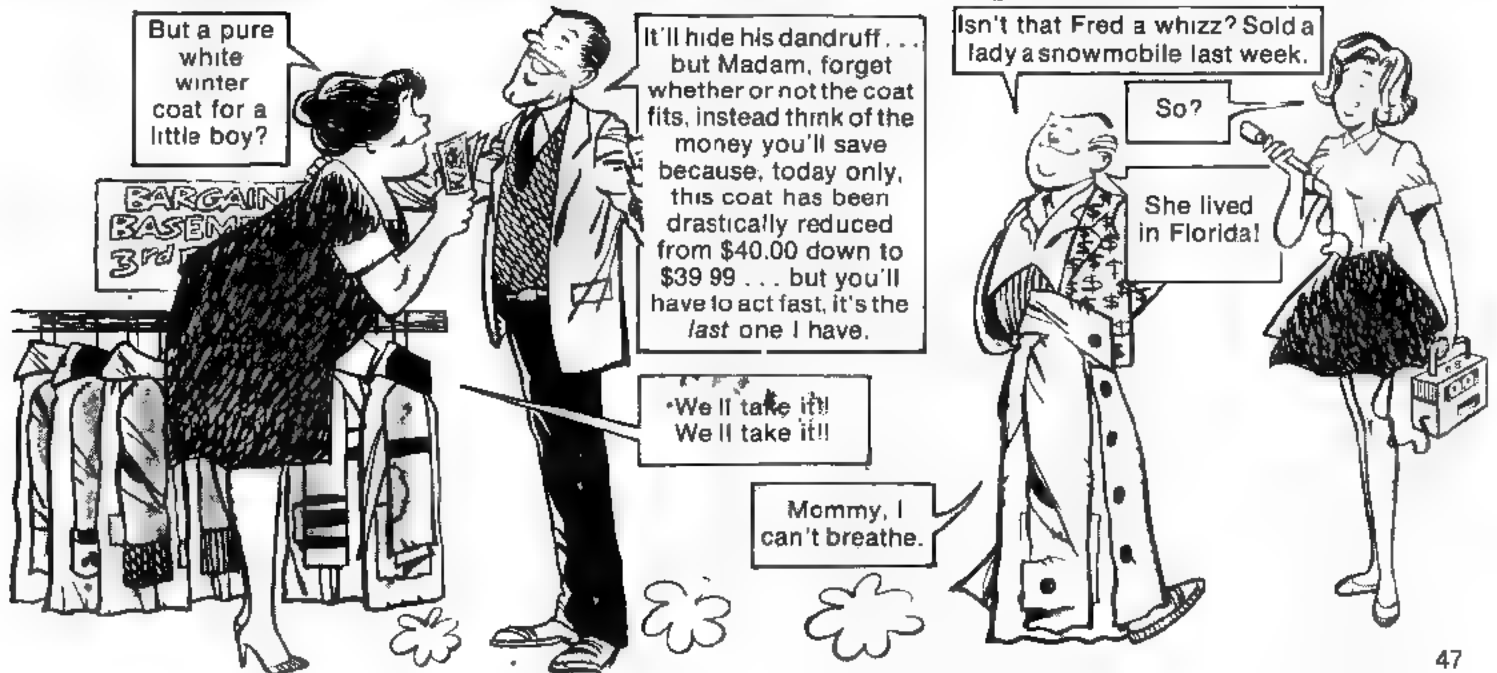
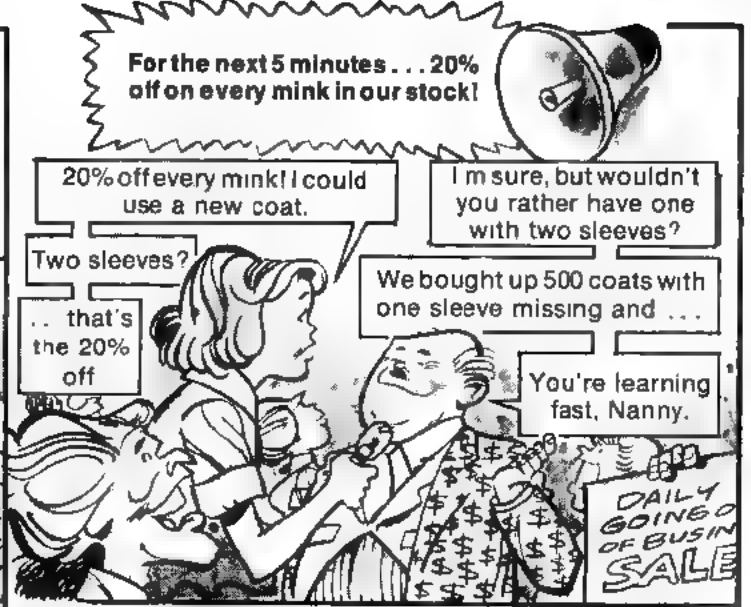
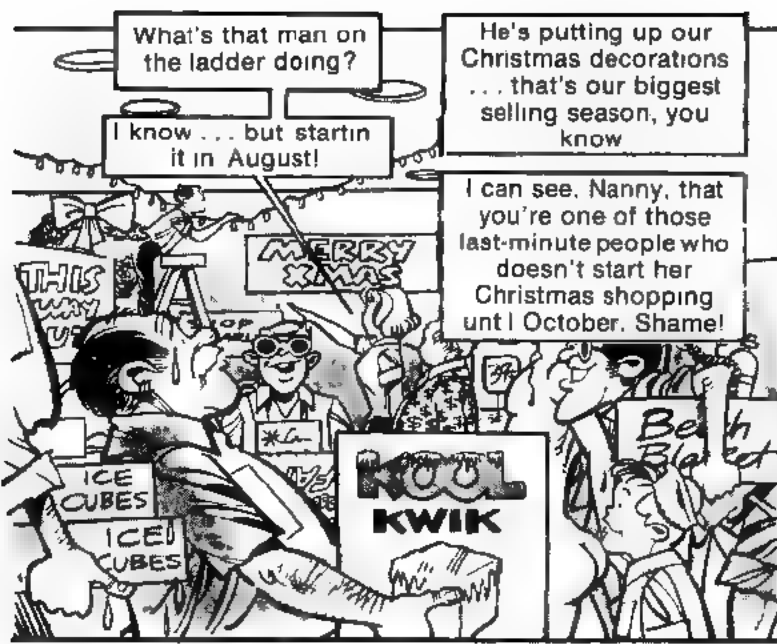
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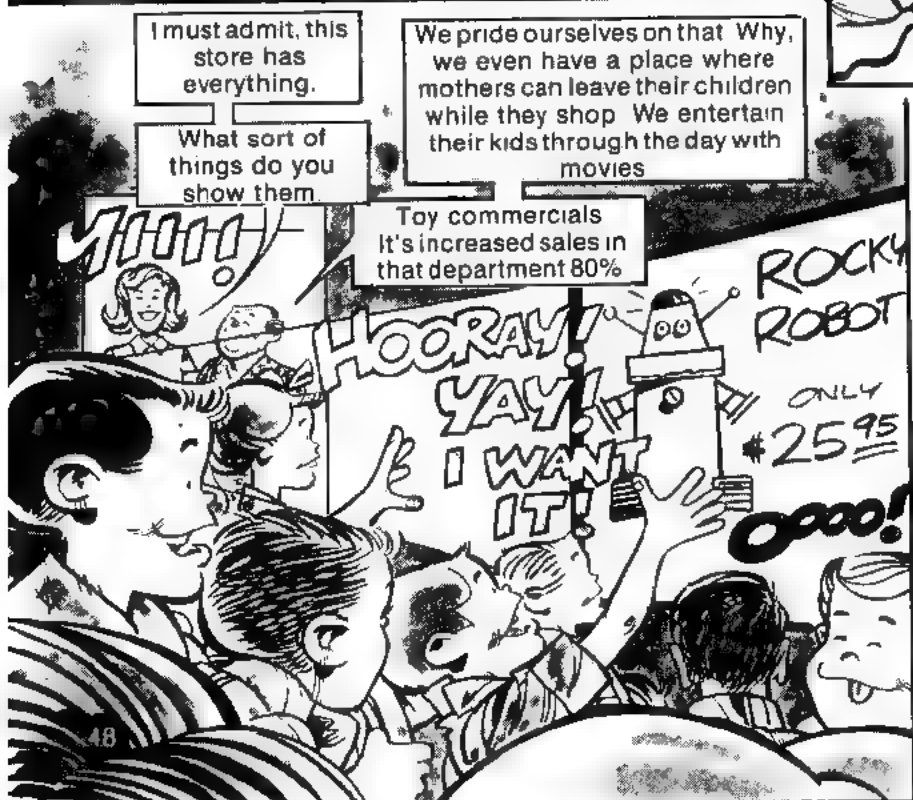
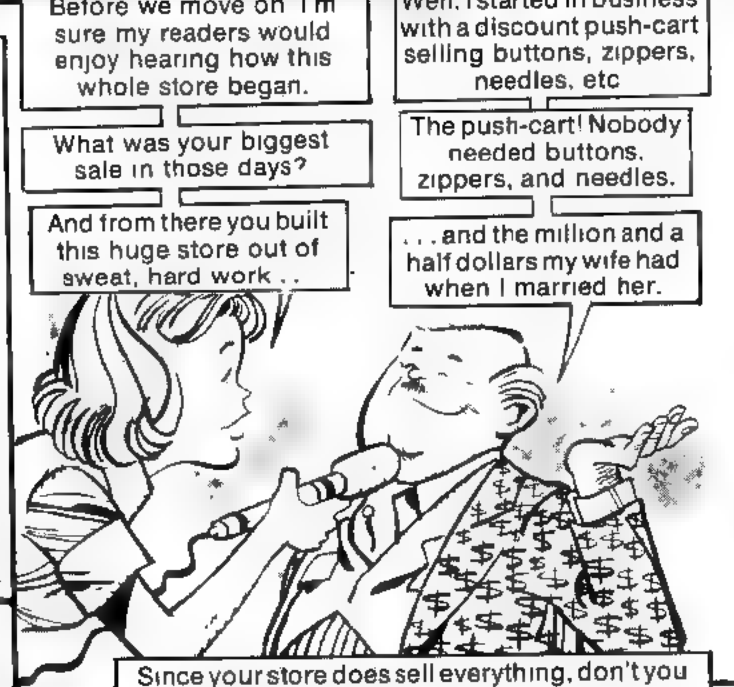
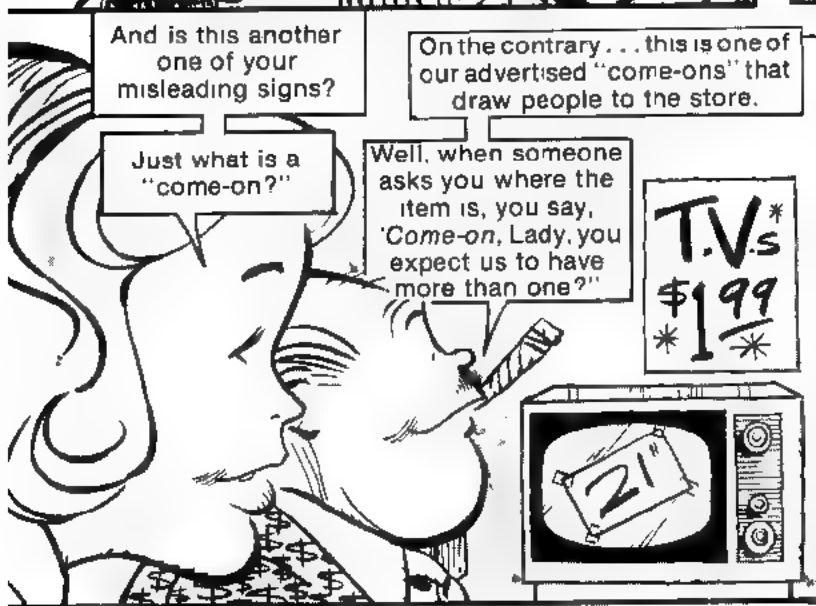
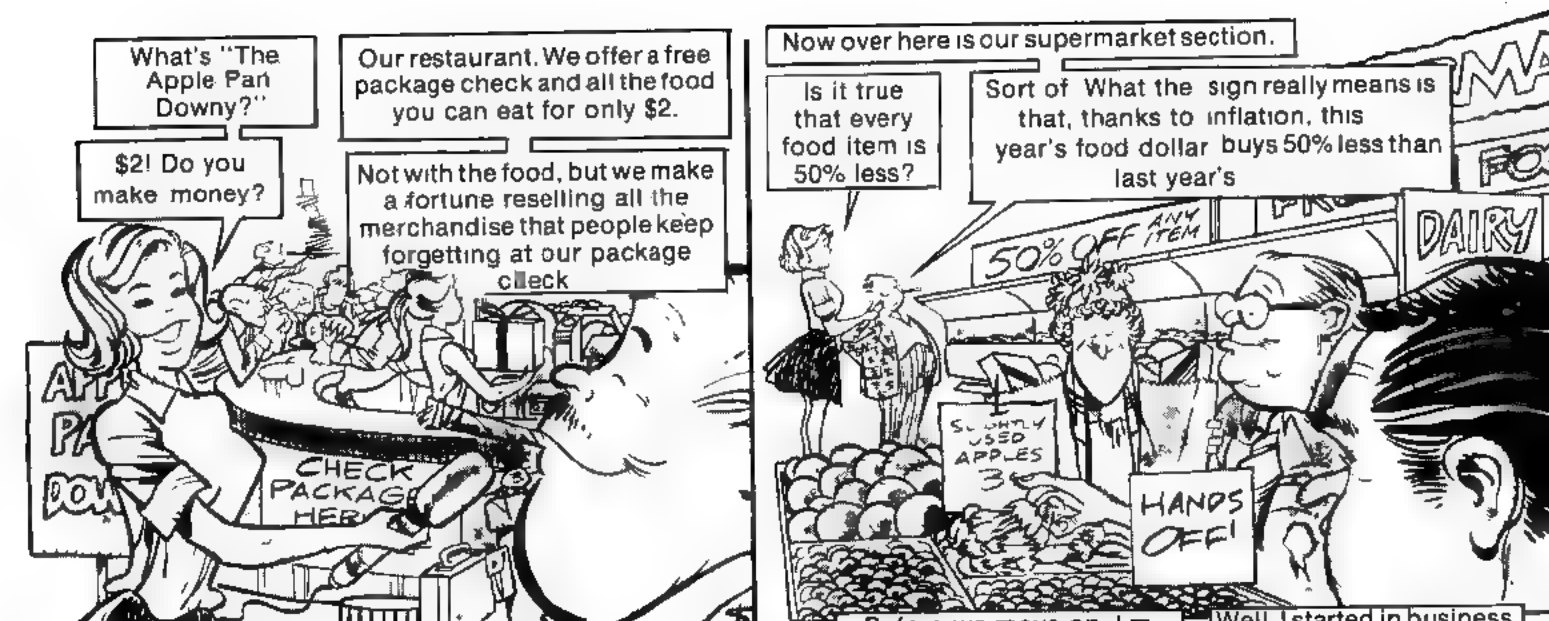
Our "Week After the Fourth Annual, Semi-annual, Annual Sale" ... And in two weeks we'll be celebrating the "William Wyman Birthday Jubilee Sale"

Who's William Wyman?

One of the goldfish in our pet department.







Now we're coming to the one department I hate ... refunds!

Yes, but we've been doing our best to cut down returns. Like, for example, every other day we've been relocating the department so people can't find where it is. But yesterday, we gave that up when we finally found the one device that cuts refunds by 90%.

I imagine that this is the one place where you lose money.

How did you achieve that?

PRES. NIXON DOLL

HOT COMP

BARBELL SET

REFUND DEPT.

# REFUNDS

HOURS: 9AM TO 4:55AM

We installed a slab of sound-proof glass.

SHOT PUT SET

Post No Bills

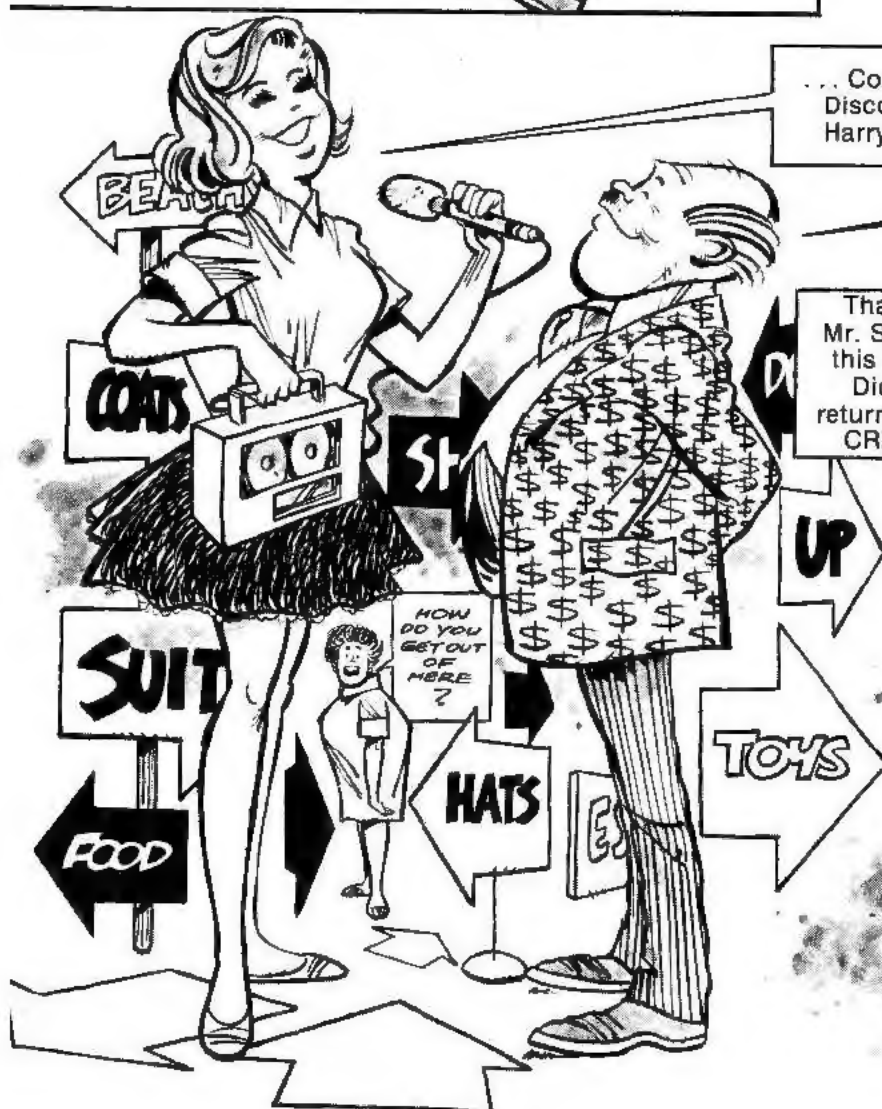
Well, Mr. Statts, I want to thank you for this very enlightening tour ... but before we go, do you have any shopping tips you could offer our readers.

Just one ... After years of being in the merchandising game, I've found that if it's reliability and dependability you're looking for in America ...

... Come to Discount Harry's?!

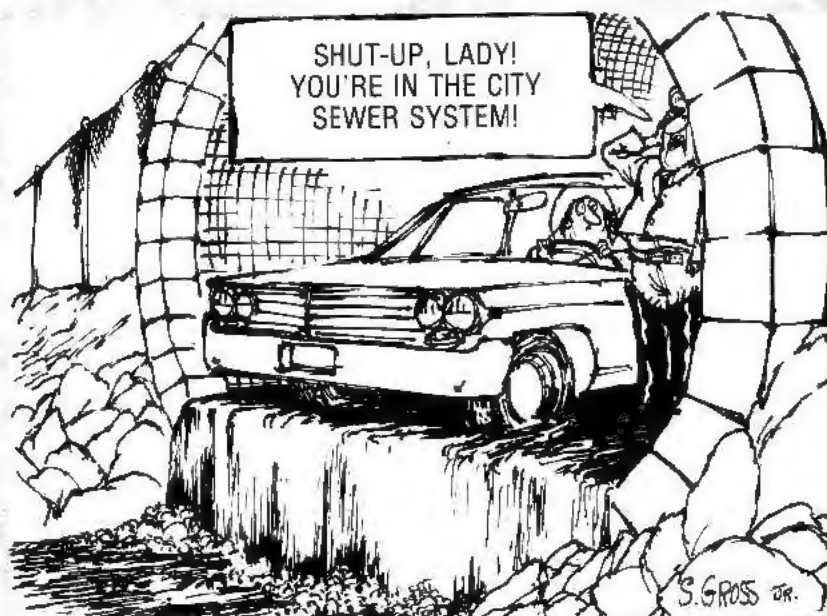
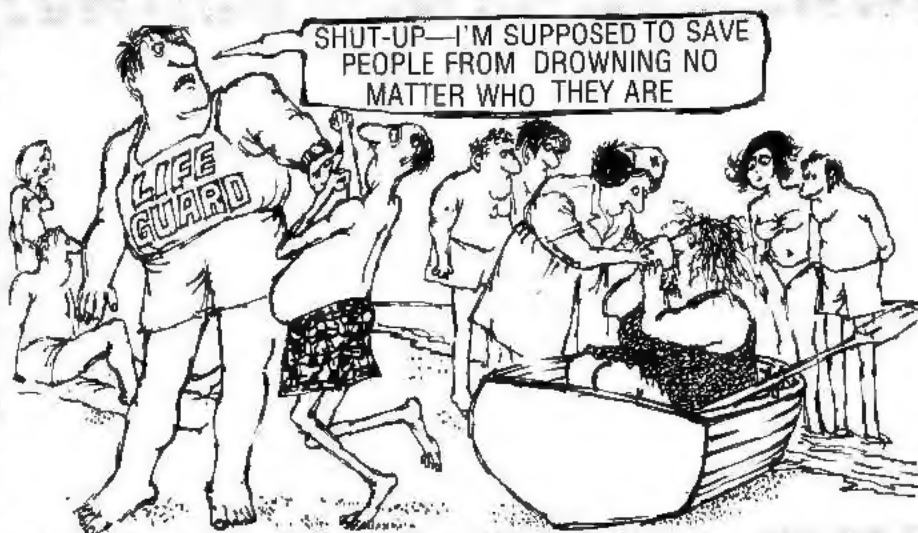
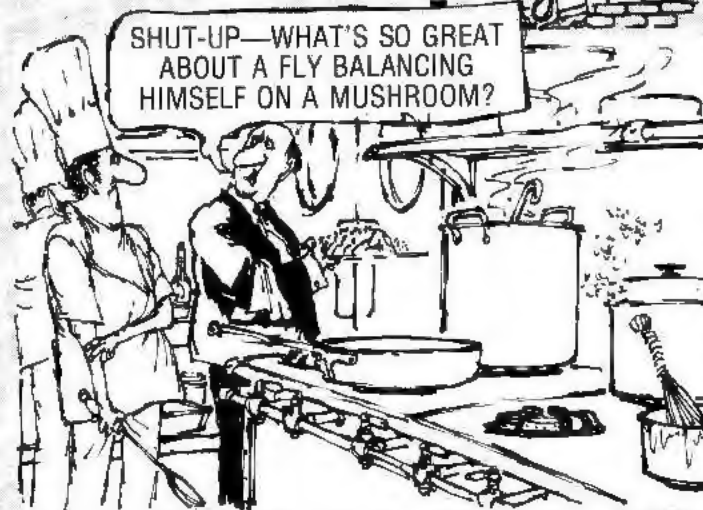
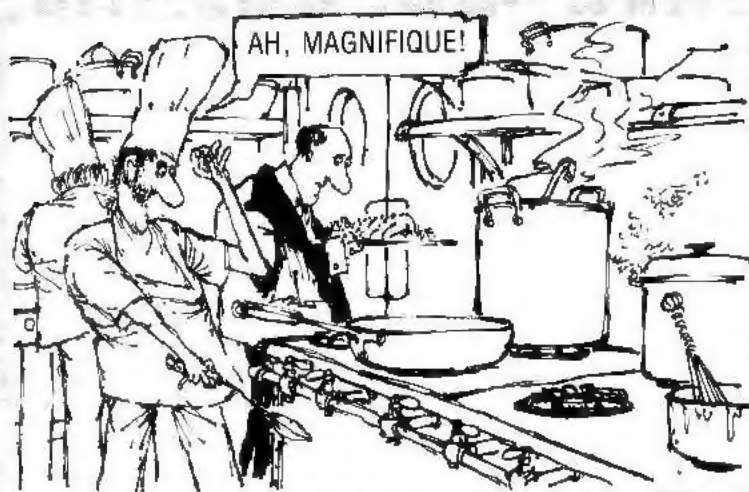
No ... own a store like this!

Thank you, Mr. Statts, and this is Nanny Dickering returning you to CRACKED.





# SHUT-UPS



S. GROSS DR.



~~March 8, 1953~~

~~June 14, 1953~~

~~March 29, 1968~~

~~December 10, 1971~~

~~January 16, 1972~~

November 12, 1978



# HISTORICAL TELEGRAMS

## ... THAT NEVER GOT THERE

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CAPT. BLIGH  
HMS BOUNTY  
DOVER, ENGLAND

ASTROLOGY CHART PREDICTS ILL-FATED VOYAGE. DO NOT SET SAIL.

SIDNEY

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USS TITANIC  
ATLANTIC OCEAN

ICEBERGS SIGHTED IN YOUR AREA. TURN BACK.  
LIGHTHOUSE NO. 12

GOLIATH  
TEL AVIV  
JERUSALEM

DAVID HAS SLINGSHOT HIDDEN IN BOOT. BE CAREFUL. CAN DO MUCH HARM.

HAMAN

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GEN. GEORGE C. CUSTER  
LITTLE BIG HORN  
WYOMING

SHIOW TRIBE ON WARPETH. PROCEED WITH CAUTION. AVOID OPEN AREAS.

SCOUT FINCH

SAMUEL P. MORSE  
HOTEL FILLMORE  
NEW YORK CITY

WILL NOT SEND MONEY. STOP WASTING TIME ON FOOLISH INVENTIONS AND GO GET JOB WITH FUTURE.

DAD

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BETSY ROSS  
398 MAIN STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

STOP SEWING AND COME ON HOME. NEED YOU AROUND HOUSE.  
AUNT MINNIE

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

SCOUTED GETTYSBURG. TOWN IS DEAD. WON'T DRAW CROWDS. BYPASS AND WIND UP TOUR AT SCRANTON.  
ACE LECTURE TOURS ASSN.

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JUDGE CRATER  
WHEREVER YOU ARE

COME BACK. ALL IS FORGIVEN. WE STILL LOVE YOU. REGARDS.  
SHIRLEY

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CAPTAIN  
USS MAINE  
HAVANA, CUBA

REPORT SABOTEURS IN HAVANA HARBOR. SET SAIL IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT REMAIN IN DOCK.  
U.S. DEPT. OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE